

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A
Sunday 22nd 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

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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,

Today's Gospel reading recounts the miracle of the raising of Lazarus. With our catechumens, who move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at Easter, we are invited to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The Jewish leaders were growing more hostile toward Jesus, and the people were pressing him to declare plainly that he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God.

In this scene Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples go with him fearfully.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus and questions his delay. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks and affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Martha's sister, Mary, comes with the same confidence, believing that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin planning Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens we are called to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God, join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life. (Loyola Press)



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Jessica Taylor (Cantor)

Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)

Vince Basile and Andrew Brown (Organists)

Sun 5pm Mass: Michael Peters (Cantor & Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 776 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Thanksgiving Hymn:

CWB 862 When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Recessional Hymn: CWB 696 Godhead here in hiding

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is
faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

Response: With the Lord there is mercy, and
fullness of redemption.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

*The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead
is living in you*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the

Lord;

whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

I am the resurrection and the life

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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

Stations of the Cross during Lent

The final Stations of the Cross in English/Italian during Lent will be held on Friday 27th March at 6.30pm in the Basilica. All Welcome.

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March is Palm Sunday. **Please bring your own palms to be blessed.. Limited number of olive branches will be available at Masses.**

Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 12th April after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery carport. All Welcome.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

The next Anointing of the Sick will be held on Tuesday 7th April during the midday Mass. All Welcome.

Easter Offering Envelopes

Twice a year you are asked to give generously to support the Priests in the parish. Easter Offering envelopes are now available on the pews. Place your offering inside and place it on the collection plate. Thank You!

Holy Week and EASTER CEREMONIES

At St Patrick's Basilica

MONDAY 30 & TUESDAY 31 MARCH AND WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Adoration at 11am

Mass at Midday

HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL

No Adoration and No midday Mass

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8pm to 10pm Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

No Adoration and No midday Mass

11am Stations of the Cross at the Basilica of St Patrick

12noon to 1pm Reconciliation

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL

No Adoration and No midday Mass

9.30am to 11.30am Reconciliation

4pm Polish Blessing of Food

7pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL

Masses: 8am, 9.30am (Italian), 11am and 5pm

8.15am St Anne's, North Fremantle

Printed timetables also available in the side foyers of the Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday 21 March

6pm Vigil Mass: James Ryan (dec'd anniv.)

Sunday 22 March

8am Mass: Monika Dusza (dec'd)

11am Mass:

5pm Mass: Elena & Martha Amato (dec'd)

Monday 23 March

Midday Mass:

Agnes Rossuin Wijaia (int good health)

Tuesday 24 March

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 25 March

Midday Mass:

Thursday 26 March

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 27 March

Midday Mass:

Giovanni & Carmina Colacci (dec'd)

Saturday 28 March

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

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

Friday 27th March

Final Stations of the Cross

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Thursday 2 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 3 April

Stations of the Cross

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 4 April

Polish Food Bkessing

Easter Vigil Mass