

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Sunday 26th April 2026

Oblate Priests' at the Basilica

Fr Meno Basti OMI (Parish Priest & Rector)
Fr Eric Alleaume OMI (Assistant Priest and
Notre Dame Chaplain)
Fr Luan Ha OMI (Assistant Priest and Hospital
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
First Saturday of the Month: 10am to 11am
Italian Confessions

Basilica Parish Office

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St Patrick's Community Support Centre

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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,

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd. (*Loyola Press*)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)

Alessandro Pittorino (Organist)

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

Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Sun 5pm Mass: Nathan Veitch (Cantor)

Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 804 Shepherd of Souls

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 830 The Lord is my Shepherd

Recessional Hymn: CWB 755 Now thank we all our God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

(St Anne's only)

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:14,36-41

'God has made him both Lord and Christ'

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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 1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

(St Anne's only)

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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

Name Tag Sunday – Getting to Know each other one name at a time!

Name Tag Weekend will be held next weekend 2nd and 3rd of May. It is a time we ask our regular parishioners and anyone visiting to write your name on the stickers provided in the foyers and wear them during Mass. This is a community building exercise. Many of us see each other every week but do not necessarily know each others names. Please support this parish incentive.

National Mass Count of Attendance

Next weekend will be the first weekend for the National Mass Count. This will then continue for the next three weekends during May. The volunteers will do the count while everyone is seated during the Homily. Please try to remain seated during this time.

Novena in honour of Our Lady of Fatima

The nine day Novena in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will commence on Monday 4th May at 11.30am followed by Mass at Midday and continue until Tuesday 12th May. See flyers in side foyer. All Welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 13th May at 6.30pm in the Basilica, this will be followed by a procession through the Church and School grounds and Benediction. Please join us on this beautiful evening in honour of Our Lady. All Welcome.

Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt Shrine

Parishioners are warmly invited to join a pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mt Richon on Sunday 17 May 2026.

12 noon arrival and picnic BYO lunch

1pm Reflection by Sr Lisette.

2pm Rosary organised by Sr Lisette

3pm guided visit of Chapel and reflection on how Schoenstatt was founded.

Afternoon tea and coffee

Transport: Please arrange your own transport. Please let Margherita know if you need a lift.

For more information please contact Margherita – 0401 028 608, Angelica - 0491 191 833
Italian Pastoral Group & Ursuline Prayer Group.

Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 10th May after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25 April

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 26 April

8am Mass: Costantino & Anna Scarlata (dec'd)
Holy Souls

11am Mass: Declan Sexton (dec'd)

5pm Mass:

Monday 27 April

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Tuesday 28 April

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 29 April

Midday Mass: Shou Ji He, Xin Ai Guo, and Jungfeng He (dec'd)

Kenneth Douglas (dec'd)

Thursday 30 April

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd) and Manuel Pereira (dec'd)

Friday 1 May

Midday Mass: Libera Gizzarone (dec'd)

Maciej Plewa (dec'd)

Saturday 2 May

Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)

Italia Zara (dec'd 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 3rd May

National Mass Count Commences
Name Tag Sunday

Monday 4th May to Tuesday 12th May

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Sunday 10th May

Mother's Day
Parish Morning Tea

Wednesday 13th May

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima