

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Year A

Thursday 2nd 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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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 is Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday, and today we begin what is called the Paschal Triduum: the three most sacred and important days of the year: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. It is one celebration. Holy Thursday leads to Good Friday. The sufferings and death of Jesus on Good Friday are meaningless without the victory of his resurrection on Easter. But Easter is not possible without Good Friday.

Tonight, as we celebrate the Last Supper of Our Lord, we are celebrating three important things: the Institution of Priesthood, the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the New Commandment of Love concerning the fraternal charity.

While sitting at the table with his disciples, Jesus himself became the food and the drink. Holding the bread, he said: "This is my body; eat it." Holding the cup filled with wine, he said: "This is my blood; drink it." The reason for Jesus to give His body and Blood as food and drink is to show His love for his people: "He loved them to the end" and he promised: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age". Because he decided to be with us forever and wanted His presence with us always, he humbled and emptied himself: from being God, he became man; and from being man, he became just simple bread and wine. Thus, at the Last Supper, he instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist, which the Second Vatican Council calls "the source and summit of Christian life."

On this special night, Jesus also instituted at the Last Supper, the Priesthood. Jesus offered himself as sacrifice on the Cross only once, but it continues to happen now and for eternity through the celebration of the Mass. St. Paul says: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes". In the Eucharist, Jesus makes present to us his sacrifice. Now, the question is: who will do this "making present" of the sacrifice? Jesus said to his disciples: "Do this in memory of me." Thus, on this Holy Thursday, Jesus also instituted the Priesthood. There is an intimate and inseparable link between the Eucharist and ministerial priesthood. Pope Saint John Paul II said; "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist". Hence, it was not the Church, but Jesus himself instituted the Sacrament of Priesthood so that His memory, the memory of his Sacrifice could be celebrated always for the people and with the people. Today is also, therefore, the Feast of the Priesthood.

The priesthood of Christ is all about humble service. The ministerial priesthood is in service of the common priesthood of all the baptized. To illustrate this, while at supper, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. But the disciples could not accept that; their master washing their feet like a slave. But for Jesus it was an unmistakable expression of his humility and desire to serve his people. And He said: "If I, therefore, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do". Through this act, Jesus showed them how much he loved them, and he asked them to do the same. Unless we love one another as brothers and sisters as Jesus loves us, this kind of service that Jesus asked us to do, is not possible. So, on this day, he also gave us through his disciples the new Commandment of Love concerning the fraternal charity.

Every time we come to this celebration of the Eucharist, let us always be reminded that we are celebrating the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross being made present to us. Let us also pray for our priests so that they will always enjoy God's protection and guidance to faithfully fulfil their ministry of bringing Jesus to his people. And let us make sure that our Eucharistic celebration will always be a celebration of love: God's love for us, and our love for one another.

Fr. Meno Basti OMI

Music Ministry

Basilica Choir (Conductor: Joshua Adams)
Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 806 Sing my tongue the Saviour's glory (St Thomas)

Washing of the Feet: CWB 615 A New Commandment, Ubi Caritas and CWB 863 Where there is Charity and Love

Recessional Hymn: Tantum Ergo – once incensing has started

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: "This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord.

That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

Second Reading in Italian

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, io ho ricevuto dal Signore quello che a mia volta vi ho trasmesso: il Signore Gesu', nella notte in cui veniva tradito, prese del pane e, dopo aver reso grazie, lo spezzo' e disse: "Questo e' il mio corpo, che e' per voi; fate questo in memoria di me".

Allo stesso modo, dopo aver cenato, prese anche il calice, dicendo: "Questo calice e' la Nuova Alleanza nel mio sangue; fate questo, ogni volta che ne bevete, in memoria di me".

Ogni volta infatti che mangiate di questo pane e bevete di questo calice, voi annunziate la morte del Signore finche' egli venga.

Parola di Dio.

Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Second Reading in English

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES 2026

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD 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 4TH APRIL

No Adoration and No Midday Mass

9.30am, 11am and 4.30pm Reconciliation in English

10am to 11am Reconciliation in Italian

4pm Polish Blessing of Food

7pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

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

8.15am St Anne's, North Fremantle

Anointing of the Sick Mass

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

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.

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!

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th April

7pm Vigil Mass: The Basilica Staff (int)

Sunday 5th April

8am: Josef Tyszecki (dec'd)

11am: Ewa Kwiatkowski (dec'd)

5pm:

Parish Office Opening Hours for

Holy Week and Easter

Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April

9am to 3pm

Thursday 2nd April to Monday 6th April

Closed

Reopen Tuesday 7th April at 9am

Upcoming Events

Friday 3 April

Stations of the Cross

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 4 April

Polish Food Bkessing

Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday

Tuesday 7th April

Anointing of the Sick during the Midday Mass

Sunday 12th April to Sunday 19th April

Oblates on Retreat/Congress in Melbourne