

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

# Basilica of St. Patrick

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

Sunday 17th May 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

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager)  
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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  
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## Parish Safeguarding Officer

Lynn Tomlinson 0424 243 224  
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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 is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.*

*The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.*

*Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.*

*Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."*

*The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity. A(Loyola Press)*

# Music Ministry

## Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Sophie Rodgers (Cantor)  
Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)  
Sun 8am Mass: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)  
Sun 11am Mass: Noah Humich (Cantor)  
Vince Basile (Organist)  
Sun 5pm Mass: Nathan Veitch (Cantor)  
Michael Peters (Organist)

## Hymns

Mass Setting: Paul Taylor – Mass of St Francis  
Processional Hymn: CWB 619 Alleluia, sing to Jesus  
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 801 Salve Regina  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 799 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Antiphon Acts 1: 11

(St Anne's only)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts 1:1-11

*Jesus was lifted up while they looked on*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

*God made him sit at his right hand in heaven*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel Matthew 28:16-20**

*Go and make disciples of all nations*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Communion Antiphon Mt 28: 20**

(St Anne's only)

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, 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

The third weekend of the National Mass Count will take place this weekend during all the Masses. Please refrain from moving around after the second collection has been taken up and please listen to the instructions being given. Thank You.

## National Mass Count

Week four and the final weekend of the National Count will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> May. After the second collection has been taken up the announcer will ask for different age groups to stand up and be counted. Please listen carefully for the different groups and stand accordingly. This includes babies and children. Your assistance during this time would be greatly appreciated.

Once all this information is submitted to the National Count Office we will then publish our results.

## Senior's Morning Tea

A morning tea for all Senior's will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in the Parish Centre. All senior are invited, please rsvp parish office. Great opportunity for a chat and cuppa.

## Anointing of the Sick Mass

The next Anointing of the Sick will be held during the midday Mass on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. All Welcome.

## An Evening of Faith & Fellowship for Young Adults

Saturday 31st May | St Patrick's Hall

Join us for a special evening beginning with Mass at 5pm, followed by dinner at 6pm and a talk at 7pm by our guest speaker, Paul Kelly.

Paul will be reflecting on what it means to live out Catholic values in modern life — a timely and practical topic for any young adult navigating faith in today's world.

All young adults are warmly welcome. To reserve your place, please RSVP via the link <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/faith-food-real-talk-youth-event-tickets-1988763403877>



Thank You to all those who attended the  
Our Lady of Fatima Mass, Procession  
and Benediction on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

It was a beautiful evening of  
prayerful devotion to Our Lady.

Please Note: The parish carpark is open 7am to 7.30pm Monday to Sunday.

The carpark is for Church, Parish Office and Parish Centre attendees only.

It is not an all day free public parking area.

If there is no events in the Church, Parish Office or Parish Centre the car park will be closed earlier.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday 16 May

6pm Vigil Mass: Sam Ambrogio (dec'd)  
Salve, Romeo & Ofelia (dec'd Birthday)

## Sunday 17 May

8am Mass: Holy Souls  
11am Mass: Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd)  
5pm Mass: Salvatore Scafidi (dec'd)

## Monday 18 May

Midday Mass: Maria Rico (int)

## Tuesday 19 May

Midday Mass: James Ong & Jew Family (dec'd)

## Wednesday 20 May

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

## Thursday 21 May

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

## Friday 22 May

Midday Mass: Caporn Family (int)  
Mary Catherine Hunt (dec'd)

## Saturday 23 May

Midday Mass: Valentine Nillos (dec'd)  
6pm Vigil Mass: Florenzo Nardi (dec'd)

# 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

## Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> May

National Mass Count

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Seniors Morning Tea

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

CBC Family Mass

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Western Australia Day Public Holiday

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Anointing of the Sick