

Basilica of St. Patrick

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Solemnity Year A
Sunday 7th June 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 Leadership Team

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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 Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world. (source Loyla Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

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

Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)

Sun 8am Mass: Tom Buckmaster (Cantor)

11am Mass: Michael Peters (Cantor)

Michael Peters (Organist)

Sun 5pm Mass: Tom Buckmaster (Cantor)

Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn:

CWB 684 Gather us in

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I am the bread of life

Recessional Hymn: CWB 755 Now Thank We All Our God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 80: 17

(St Anne's only)

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the
rock.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

*He fed you with manna, which neither you nor
your fathers had known*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

*That there is only one loaf means that,
though we are many, we form one body*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I
shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this
man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of
Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal
life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in
him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the
Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our
ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will
live for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Jn 6:57

(St Anne's only)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, 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

Today is Name Tag Sunday — your monthly excuse to learn the name of that lovely person you've been smiling at for the last month!

Pop on your name tag with pride, take a peek at the names around you, and don't be shy — say hello, start a conversation, and maybe even make a new friend or two. Our parish feels a lot more like home when we know each other by name. Share a smile and enjoy the feeling of being connected.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart

Please join the Sacred Heart Sodality on Friday 12th June at the Midday Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. All Welcome.

Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 14th June after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery carport. All Welcome.

First Communion Mass

On Saturday 20th June during the 6pm Mass we will witness our First Communion candidates coming to the table of the Lord to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Let us keep these candidates in our prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to join in the Eucharist.

Scots Presbyterian Women's Association would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to their "At Home" event on Monday 29th June at 10.30am at the Scots Presbyterian Church, South Terrace, Fremantle (next door to the Fremantle Markets). RSVP Rosemary 0414 194 970. See noticeboards for more information.

Volunteers Required

We are seeking some volunteers in the following areas to assist at the Basilica.

8am Sunday Mass reader required fourth Sunday of each month

6pm Saturday Vigil Mass reader required once a month

Cleaner to assist with weekly cleaning in the Basilica

If you can assist with any of the positions please contact the parish office.

INVITATION TO JOIN A CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD

The Fremantle Catenian Circle is currently seeking new members.

In a world fraught with challenges and uncertainties, the need for solidarity among Catholic men has never been greater. We meet once a month for formal prayer and to discuss the integrity of our Circle and ways we can offer charitable works for our community, especially in assisting the financial needs of young peoples' education. Following our one hour meeting, we enjoy fellowship and a meal. Partners and widows join us for fellowship every second month. I invite you to join us, as our guest, at our next meeting. Please contact **Terry 0437055724** or **Louis 0419923038** if you wish to embark on this journey of faith, friendship, and service together.

Over the past few weeks we have had some issues with the use of the Basilica Admin Building toilets. If you need to use the toilets during office hours and the door is closed please call into the office and we will open the toilet door for you. The toilets will be opened prior to Masses on the weekends. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6 June

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 7 June

8am Mass: Holy Souls & Gregory Mejer (int.)

11am Mass: Jose da Silva (dec'd) & Ida Rodrigues Garces (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Mick Amato (dec'd)

Monday 8 June

Midday Mass: Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

Tuesday 9 June

Midday Mass: Antonio Basilio (Birthday int.)

Wednesday 10 June

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Thursday 11 June

Midday Mass: Pasquale de Gennaro (dec'd)

Friday 12 June

Midday Mass: Sacred Heart Sodality and Holy Souls

Saturday 13 June

Midday Mass: Srecko Hrvatin (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Antonia Petruzzi (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.

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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

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