

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday July 26, 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 Office working hours

Tuesday to Friday (9am to 3pm)
Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

Contact

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Parish Leadership Team

Shereen Banner	Sonia La Macchia
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Steven Daly	

St Patrick's Community Support Centre

12 Queen Victoria Street, Fremantle WA 6160
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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 concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.(source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Tom Buckmaster (Cantor)

Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)

Sun 8am Mass: Joshua Adams (Cantor), Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Sun 11am Mass: Nathan Veitch (Cantor), Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Sun 5pm Mass: Jessica Taylor (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 722 In Faith and Hope and Love

Recessional Hymn: CWB 863 Where there is charity and love

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36 (St Anne's only)

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

First reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

Those he called, he justified

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation of Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Ps 102: 2

(St Anne's only)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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

Alpha in the Parish

The Alpha Launch Night will be held on Thursday 30th July at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to attend the Alpha Launch night and discover what Alpha is all about before the full course commences on 6th August. All Welcome as this is a catered event please register at alpha.stpatricks@gmail.com or through the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

The next Anointing of the Sick will be held on Tuesday 4th August during the Midday Mass. All Welcome.

Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 9th August, after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery Carport. All Welcome.

Fremantle Catenian Circle

On Sunday 9th August at the 8am Mass, Terry from the Fremantle Catenian Circle will give a short talk during the Mass inviting new members to join.

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.

Basilica Guardian Volunteers

Basilica Guardians are volunteers who assist us with keeping the Church open on certain days every week from 1pm to 3pm. This allows visitors and others a chance to come and sit quietly or tour our beautiful Church. Unfortunately without these volunteers we are unable to keep the Church open. We are currently seeking the following:- One volunteer on Mondays; Two volunteers on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Reader Volunteers for Weekend Masses

We are seeking a Reader for the following Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass every 2nd Saturday of the Month; Sunday 11am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month. If you can assist with any of these Masses please contact the Parish Office asap. Thank You.

Name Tag Sunday

Reminder - next Sunday is Name Tag Sunday!

We'd love you to join in by wearing your name tag and helping make our parish feel even more welcoming. Don't worry if you forget — we'll have plenty of stick-on labels ready for you. It's a simple and easy way to get to know one another a little better — one name, one smile, one friendly hello at a time.

Fr Josh Nash OMI will be visiting Perth during the Archdiocese Vocations Week and will join us in the parish on the weekend of the 8th and 9th August.

Basilica Grounds Car Park

Reminder the Basilica grounds carpark is for use for parishioners and visitors during Masses, events and attending the parish office. We unfortunately have a large number of cars using the carpark all day and this causes problems with those coming to Masses, events or the parish office. The carpark opens at 7am and closes at 7.30pm. If there are no events in the Basilica or Parish Office the carpark will close earlier.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25 July

6pm Vigil Mass:

Decio & Maria-Antonietta (dec'd Apuglia, Italy)

Sunday 26 July

8am Mass: Holy Souls

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass: Giuseppina Natoli (dec'd),
Joseph & Pam Egan (dec'd anniversary)

Monday 27 July

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Tuesday 28 July

Midday Mass: Maria & Joao Telo (dec'd)

Wednesday 29 July

Midday Mass:

Thursday 30 July

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Friday 31 July

Midday Mass:

Saturday 1st August

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

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

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Sunday 2nd August

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Sunday 9th August

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