

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 16 August 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,

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Isabella Pether (Cantor), Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Eimear Foley (Cantor)

Vince Basile (Organist)

Sun 5pm Mass: Tom Buckmaster (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 788 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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 Ps 83:10-11

(St Anne's only)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First reading Isaiah 56:1,6-7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Response: O God, let all the nations
praise you!

Second reading

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Ps 129:7

(St Anne's Only)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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

This weekend we welcome Fr Andrew Chen OMI, The Australian Oblate Provincial to the parish. Please make him feel welcomed.

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:- Two volunteers on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Reader Volunteers for Weekend Masses

We are seeking a Reader for the following Mass: Saturday Vigil Mass every 2nd Saturday of the Month. If you can assist with this Mass please contact the Parish Office asap. Thank You.

Please take note that there will be no Adoration on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th September. There will be Mass only on those two days. All other days remain the same.

Our Lady of Tindari (Black Madonna)

Let us join the Italian Community in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Tindari. A Triduum will be held on Wednesday 9th August at 5pm with Rosary and then followed by Mass. The Triduum will continue on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th. The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 13th September at 9.30am and morning tea will follow after the Mass in the parish centre. All Welcome.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 12th September during the 6pm Mass. Let us join these candidates and their families in witnessing this joyous occasion. Please keep these candidates in your prayers during this time.

Basilica and Presbytery Gutter Works

We have finally been given all the approvals to commence works on the gutters to the Presbytery and Basilica.

In the next few weeks works will hopefully commence and there may be some disruption. We will try to keep everyone informed as much as possible. Please be patient during these works.

If you would like to assist with the works financially and claim tax deductibility for your donation please contact the parish office and we can give you the details.

Let us now pray for fine weather so that we can get the works done as quickly as possible.

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 15 Aug

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 16 Aug

8am Mass: June Boddy (dec'd)

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass:

Ante, Maria & Ivko Separovich (dec'd)

Monday 17 Aug

Midday Mass: Lucilia Pereira (dec'd)

Tuesday 18 Aug

Midday Mass: Marko Anich (dec'd)

Wednesday 19 Aug

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

Thursday 20 Aug

Midday Mass:

Mass in Thanksgiving to Jesus and St Anthony

Friday 21 Aug

Midday Mass: Sandra De Faria (dec'd)

Saturday 22 Aug

Midday Mass: Rosa Rafala (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 help 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

Wednesday 9th August to Friday 11th August

Rosary & Mass Our Lady of Tindari

Saturday 12th September

Confirmation Mass

Sunday 13th September

Our Lady of Tindari Feast Day Mass