

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday August 23, 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

Shereen Banner	Sonia La Macchia
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Steven Daly	

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,

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Tom Buckmaster (Cantor)

Ethan Ricafranca (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Vincent Leveque (Cantor)

Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Sun 5pm Mass: Nathan Veitch (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 618 All Creatures of our God and King

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I am the bread of life

Recessional Hymn: CWB 835 the Voice of God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:1-3

(St Anne's only)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.

First reading Isaiah 22:19-23

*I place the key of the House of David on my
servant's shoulder*

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove
you from your post, and the same day I call
on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with
your sash, entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his
shoulder; should he open, no one shall
close, should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he
will become a throne of glory for his father's
house.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

**Response: Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your
hands.**

Second reading Romans 11:33-36

*All that exists comes from him; all is by
him and from him.*

How rich are the depths of God –
how deep his wisdom and knowledge
– and how impossible to penetrate
his motives or understand his
methods! Who could ever know the
mind of the Lord? Who could ever be
his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything?
All that exists comes from him; all is
by him and for him. To him be glory
for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103:13-15

(St Anne's Only)

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O
Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

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

On Monday 31st August there will be NO ADORATION only Mass at Midday due to a Funeral. All going well the funeral should be finished by 11.30am. Please note that the carpark may also be full due to the funeral. Thank You.

Our Lady of Tindari (Black Madonna)

Let us join the Italian Community in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Tindari. Commencing with Triduum on Wednesday 9th September, and continuing on Thursday 10th September and Friday 11th September. Rosary at 5pm followed by Mass. 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.

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.

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

There has been some delays with the works. At this stage we are still awaiting on start date from the Roofing Contractor. We will keep you informed when we have more details.

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.

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.

St Patrick's Basilica Choir Expressions of Interest

We are looking for singers to help rebuild the St Patrick's Basilica Choir. Learn Gregorian chant and sacred polyphony, develop your vocal technique and deepen your faith with like-minded Catholics. Previous choral or music experience is welcomed but not essential. Rehearsals are on Mondays 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall. To register your interest or if you would like to learn more, email parishmanager@fremantlepatrick.org.au

Let us support this up and coming organist, see concert details below and more information on the notice boards in the Church.

Kai Laird & Friends

Organ Solos, Flute & Organ Duet and Violin & Organ Duets

SATURDAY, 3RD OF OCTOBER 2:00PM TO 3:15PM

please join us for afternoon tea after in carport

ST PATRICK'S BASILICA, FREMANTLE

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, Western Australia 6160

TICKETS: \$25 for adults \$15 for Under 18s Free for Under 4s

BOOKING LINK: <https://events.humanitix.com/kai-laird-pipe-organrecital>

Mass Intentions

Saturday 22 Aug

6pm Vigil Mass: For the People

Sunday 23 Aug

8am Mass: June Boddy (dec'd)

11am Mass: Phil, Tom & Phena Wayne (dec'd) and Frances Watson (dec'd) & Salvatore Greco (dec'd 2nd Anniversary)

5pm Mass:

Decio & Maria-Antonietta (dec'd Apulia Italy)

Monday 24 Aug

Midday Mass: Ben (Birthday Int.)

Tuesday 25 Aug

Midday Mass: Michael Evans (dec'd)

Wednesday 26 Aug

Midday Mass: Luigi Gizzarone (dec'd)

Thursday 27 Aug

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 28 Aug

Midday Mass:

Holy Souls & Tomba Family (dec'd)

Saturday 29 Aug

Midday Mass:

Leonardo Da Silva Ferreira (dec'd)

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

Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th September

Our Lady of Tindari Triduum

Saturday 12th September

Confirmation Mass

Sunday 13th September

Our Lady of Tindari Feast Day Mass