

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday August 2, 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 we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

*We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.
(source Loyola Press)*

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)
Daniel van der Moezel(Organist)
Sun 8am Mass: Michael Peters (Cantor & Organist)
Sun 11am Mass: Vincent Leveque (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Tom Buckmaster (Cantor), Xavier Jarvis (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn:
CWB 790 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 685 Gift of Finest Wheat
Recessional Hymn: CWB 847 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Ps 69: 2,6 (St Anne's only)

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First reading Isaiah 55:1-3

Come and eat says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost,
wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul
will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds
us; he answers all our needs.

Second reading Romans 8:35,37-39

*No created thing can ever come between us
and the love of God made visible in Christ*

Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled or
worried, or being persecuted, or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened or
even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power
of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death
nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that
exists, nothing still to come, not any
power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us
and the love of God made visible in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

The feeding of the five thousand

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Wis 16: 20

(St Anne's Only)

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

Name Tag Sunday

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. Happy Name Tag Sunday!

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 maybe 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 1 Aug
6pm Vigil Mass:
Sunday 2 Aug
8am Mass:
Paul Apap (dec’d) & June Boddy (dec’d)
11am Mass:
5pm Mass:
Natoli, Portelli, Dias & Commins Families (Int.)
Monday 3 Aug
Midday Mass: Ewa Kwiatkowski (dec’d)
Tuesday 4 Aug
Midday Mass:
Souls in Purgatory and Amedeo Lomma (dec’d)
Wednesday 5 Aug
Midday Mass:
Vincenzo Salvatore Carrello (dec’d anniv)
Thursday 6 Aug
Midday Mass:
Friday 7 Aug
Midday Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 8 Aug
Midday Mass:
Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec’s)
6pm Vigil Mass: Agata Brizzi (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

Tuesday 4th August
Anointing of the Sick

Friday 7th August
SPPS Mass

Sunday 9th August
Parish Morning Tea