

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday August 9, 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
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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
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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's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son. (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon) (Cantor)
Alessandro Pittorino(Organist)
Sun 8am Mass: Elke Ruane (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)
Sun 11am Mass: Elke Ruane (Cantor), Vince Basile (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Vincent Leveque (Cantor), Michael Peters(Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 229 All Glory, Praise and Honour
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 685 Gift of Finest Wheat
Recessional Hymn: CWB 767 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon
Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23
(St Anne's only)

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek
you.

First reading
1 Kings 19:9,11-13

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 84(85):9-14

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second reading Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
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Gospel Acclamation Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Ps 147: 12,14 (St Anne's Only)

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in Name Tag Sunday. This is a parish initiative to better know our fellow parishioners and visitors to our parish. Name Tag Weekend will be held on the first weekend of each month, so watch this space for the next date. Thank You!

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.

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@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

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 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.

Our Lady of Tindari Triduum and Feast Day Mass

Our Lady of Tindari (Black Madonna) celebrations will commence with a Triduum commencing on Wednesday 9th and continuing on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September with Rosary at 5pm followed by Mass. The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 13th September at 9.30am and will be followed by morning tea in the parish centre. All Welcome.

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 8 Aug

6pm Vigil Mass: Agata Brizzi (dec'd)

Sunday 9 Aug

8am Mass: June Boddy (dec'd)

11am Mass: For the People

5pm Mass:

Monday 10 Aug

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

Tuesday 11 Aug

Midday Mass: Andrew Zukowski (dec'd 1st anni)
Pasquale de Gennaro (dec'd)

Wednesday 12 Aug

Midday Mass: Bronislaw & Jerzy Agdan (dec'd)

Thursday 13 Aug

Midday Mass: Lidia Brykaski (dec'd)

Anita & Richard Cotton (dec'd)

Friday 14 Aug

Midday Mass:

Saturday 15 Aug

Midday Mass: Antonio Fallace (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

Sunday 9th August

Parish Morning Tea

Saturday 29th August

CBC Family Mass