

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday September 13, 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 & Friday 10am to 3pm
(Basilica Guardians Permitting)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 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

Basilica Parish Office

Angie Emanuele (Parish Manager)
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Parish Leadership Team

Shereen Banner	Sonia La Macchia
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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's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. (source Loyola Press).

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Basilica Choir (Conductor: David Pham)
Xavier Javis (Organist)
Sun 8am & 11am Mass: Vincent Leveque (Cantor)
Samuel Yeow (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Isabella Pether (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 789 Praise my soul, the King of Heaven
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 615 A new commandment
Recessional Hymn: CWB 863 Where there is Charity and Love

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36:18

(St Anne's only)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for
you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you; and when you
pray, your sins will be forgiven*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and
both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of
sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and
when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then
demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then
plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear
your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of
the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful:
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for
the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to
the Lord. This explains why Christ both
died and came to life: it was so that he
might be Lord both of the dead and of
the living.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

To be forgiven, you must forgive

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35:8

(St Anne's Only)

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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!

Safeguarding Sunday

Today marks Safeguarding Sunday. On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the process by which adults enter the Catholic Church. It is not a class or a test. It is a journey of faith, accompanied by the community of the Church, that leads to the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It is the Church's process for welcoming unbaptized adults and baptized non-Catholics into full communion. It also allows adult Catholics who have been baptised but not recieved their Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation to be prepared to receive them. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this years group then you are welcome to attend the RCIA Information Evening which will be held on Tuesday 6th October at 6.30pm in the parish office. Please register your interest with the parish office on 9335 2268 or via parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au.

Let us support this up and coming organist and friends. 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>

Anointing of the Sick

The next Anointing of the Sick will be held during the Midday Mass on Tuesday 6 October. All Welcome.

Parish Morning Tea

The next parish morning tea will be held on Sunday 11th October after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery carport. All Welcome.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12 Sept

6pm Vigil Mass:

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

Sunday 13 Sept

8am Mass:

11am Mass: Giuseppe Pittorino (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Leonardo Da silva Ferreira (dec'd)

Monday 14 Sept

Midday Mass: Carlo & Clementina Pruiti (dec'd)

Tuesday 15 Sept

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 16 Sept

Midday Mass: Sam Ambrogio (dec'd)

Thursday 17 Sept

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 18 Sept

Midday Mass: Maria & Jose Garces (dec'd)

Mr Nicola Monzu (dec'd)

Saturday 19 Sept

Midday Mass: Mejer Family (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

Thursday 1st October

Notre Dame Graduation Mass

Saturday 3rd October

Organ Concert

Tuesday 6th October

Anointing of the Sick

RCIA Information Evening

Sunday 11th October

Parish Morning Trea