

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday October 18, 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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parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au
Parish Office working hours
Tuesday to Friday (9am to 3pm)
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Parish Leadership Team

Shereen Banner	Sonia La Macchia
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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

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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,

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God? (source Loyola Press).

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Nathan Veitch (Cantor)
Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)
Sun 8am & 11am Mass: Gilbert Rodgers (Cantor)
Vince Basile (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Vincent Leveque (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 792 Praise to the Lord
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 712 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Recessional Hymn: CWB 690 Go Now You are Sent Forth

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

(St Anne's only)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O
God;

turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading Isaiah 45:1,4-6

*I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations
before him*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue
nations before him and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him that their gates be
closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by
your name, conferring a title though you do not
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

*We constantly remember your faith, your love and
your hope*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you
grace and peace from God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and
thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when we
brought the Good News to you, it came to
you not only as words, but as power and as
the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

(St Anne's Only)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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

Annual Blessing of the Fleet

Let us come together as a parish to celebrate the annual Blessing of the Fleet which will commence with a Triduum on Tuesday 20th October, and continue on Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October at 7.30pm.

The Feast Day Mass will be held on Sunday 25th October at 9.30am (Italian Mass), Procession leaving Basilica at 2pm through the streets of Fremantle, then returning to the Basilica for Benediction.

Please Note: There will be no 5pm evening Mass on that Sunday.

Mass intentions for November

During November we are asked to remember our deceased family and friends by offering Masses for their souls. November Mass envelopes are now available on the pews or from the parish office. Please place your offering envelope on the collection plate during Masses. Masses will be offered privately for your deceased with the Oblates.

Masses for Holy Souls

Masses for All Souls' Day will be held in the Basilica at Midday and 7pm in the evening. All welcome to attend.

Parish Morning Tea

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

The parish morning tea ministry team will retire after the last morning tea on Sunday 13th December 2026. We wish to sincerely thank them for their years of service and dedication to the parish and their wonderful morning teas after the 8am Masses, there assistance with the thank you for the Schola Choir and other events. **THANK YOU for all your service!**

The Parish Leadership Team will now endeavour to find another group to commence the morning teas in February 2027.

Advent Reflection Evenings – Prepare Your Heart for Christmas

This Advent season, we invite you to join us for a weekly evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we journey together toward Christmas.

Each Monday evening session will be one hour and will include a guided Advent reflection and time for personal prayer and sharing. Sessions will run weekly from 30th November through to Christmas.

We will be using a reflection book throughout the season. To help us order enough copies, please register your interest in attending.

Interested in joining us?

Please reach out to the Parish Office on 9335 2268, or email

parishmanager@fremantlestpatricks.org.au

Everyone is welcome. Come and take some quiet time each week to pause, reflect, pray, and prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink 2026

Lifelink will be launched in all parishes on the weekend of 31st October/1st November.

Archbishop's Appeal Letter will be distributed to all parishioners on 31st October/1st November.

Special Lifelink Collection to be taken up at all Masses weekend 7th/8th November. Donation envelopes will be available on the pews from 31st October.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17 Oct

6pm Vigil Mass:

Guiseppa Ricciardi (dec'd 2nd anniversary)

Sunday 18 Oct

8am Mass: Zbigniew Walczak & Family (dec'd)

11am Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

5pm Mass: Dominic Portelli (dec'd) and

Little Dominic Gomes-Portelli (dec'd)

Monday 19 Oct

Midday Mass: Emanuele Family (Int.)

Tuesday 20 Oct

Midday Mass: Daniel Stephenson (dec'd)

Wednesday 21 Oct

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

Thursday 22 Oct

Midday Mass: Patricia Hutchinson (dec'd)

Friday 23 Oct

Midday Mass:

Saturday 24 Oct

Midday Mass: Esme Patricia Murry (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Lovre Tesija (dec'd)

and Helena Ryan (dec'd 2nd anniversary)

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 20th October

Blessing of the Fleet Triduum - 7.30pm Rosary & Mass

Wednesday 21st October

SPPS St Ursula Mass

Blessing of the Fleet Triduum - 7.30pm Rosary & Mass

Thursday 22nd October

Blessing of the Fleet Triduum - 7.30pm Rosary & Mass

Friday 23rd October

CBC Graduation Mass

Sunday 25th October

Blessing of the Fleet - Mass, Procession and Benediction