

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday October 25, 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, 9.30am (Italian), 11am and 5pm in
Basilica
Sunday 8.15am (St Anne's, North Fremantle)

Confessions

First Friday of Each Month: 11am
Saturday: 9.30am, 11am and 4.30pm

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,

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. (source Loyola Press).

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Sophie Rodgers (Cantor),
Michael Peters (Organist)

Sun 9.30am Italian Mass: Schola Choir, Hugh Lydon (Conductor)
Andrew Brown (Organist)

Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)

Xavier Jarvis (Organist 8am) and Andrew Brown (Organist 11am)
NO 5pm Evening Mass

Hymns

Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis

Processional Hymn: CWB 740 Love Divine

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 648 Christians let us love one another

Recessional Hymn: CWB 739 Lord of Creation

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

(St Anne's only)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First reading Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger
will flare against you*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

*You broke with idolatry and became servants of
God; you are now waiting for his Son*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19: 6

(St Anne's Only)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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

Please Note: that due to a very large funeral Mass on Wednesday 28th October, the carpark will be very busy from 9.30am to 11.30am. So please be patient when arriving for Adoration and Mass.

CBC Exams in Parish Centre

The parish centre will once again host the CBC Year 12 Exams, 29th October to 14th November. During this time the door to the toilet area will be closed. If you need to use the toilets during office hours please call into the office and we will open the door for you. Please also be mindful of the noise during exam time. Let us keep these students in our prayers during their exams.

November Mass Offerings

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, their 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.

New Italian Choir Members

The Italian Choir is seeking new members to join and participate in the weekly Italian Mass celebrated at 9.30 each Sunday. Anyone interested please contact Renata Mattia on 0407 181 009 or Maria Gorman 0403 180 207.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24 Oct

6pm Vigil Mass: Lovre Tesija (dec'd) and Helena Ryan (dec'd 2nd anniversary)

Sunday 25 Oct

8am Mass:

11am Mass: Lynch Family (int.)

No 5pm Evening Mass

Monday 26 Oct

Midday Mass:

Tuesday 27 Oct

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 28 Oct

Midday Mass: Virginia Basilio (Birthday Int.)

Thursday 29 Oct

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

Gennarino & Mariassunta Rico (dec'd)

Friday 30 Oct

Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Saturday 31 Oct

Midday Mass: Holy Souls

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sarina Damiano (1st Anniv 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

Friday 30th October

SPPS Mass

Saturday 31st October

Fremantle Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sunday 1st November

All Saints Day

Monday 2nd November

Holy Souls' Day

Sunday 8th November

Parish Morning Tea