

47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday 4th October, 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 Office working hours
Tuesday to Friday (9am to 3pm)
Closed Mondays. Weekends and Public
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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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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,

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers? (source Loyola Press).

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Isabella Pether (Cantor)
Daniel van der Moezel (Organist)
Sun 8am & 11am Mass: Paul O'Neill (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Morgan Davies (Cantor)
Ethan Ricafranca (Organist)

Hymns

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB 643 Christ is the World's Light
Thanksgiving Hymn:
CWB 793 Prayer of St Francis (Make me a Channel of your Peace)
Recessional Hymn: CWB 640 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Est 4: 17 (St Anne's only)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are
established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and
the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice
vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all
that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not
done?
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour
grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my
vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and
knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the
briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of
Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house
of Israel.

Second reading Philippians 4:6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it
with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of
God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your
thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill
your minds with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything that is good
and pure, everything that we love and honour,
and everything that can be thought virtuous or
worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that
you learnt from me and have been taught by me
and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God
of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel Acclamation cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25 (St Anne's Only)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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 during the Midday Mass on Tuesday 6th October. All Welcome.

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.

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.

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.

There are more organ concerts in the Basilica in October please see the noticeboards for more information.

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, 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3 Oct

6pm Vigil Mass:

Sunday 4 Oct

8am Mass:

11am Mass:

5pm Mass:

Monday 5 Oct

Midday Mass:

Tuesday 6 Oct

Midday Mass:

Wednesday 7 Oct

Midday Mass:

Thursday 8 Oct

Midday Mass:

Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)

Manuela De Faria (Birthday int.)

Friday 9 Oct

Midday Mass: Annunziata Rico (dec'd)

Saturday 10 Oct

Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)

6pm Vigil Mass: Ana & Ante Borzic (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 6th October

Antointing of the Sick during Midday Mass

RCIA Information Evening

Sunday 11th October

Parish Morning Tea

Friday 16th October

Iona Graduation Mass

Saturday 17th October

Organ Concert

Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October

Blessing of the Fleet Triduum