47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

First Sunday of Advent, Year B
Sunday November 29th, 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

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St Patrick's Community Support Centre
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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 we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.
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Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors
Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)
Daniel van der Moezel(Organist)
Sun 8am & 11am Mass: Vincent Leveque (Cantor)
Michael Peters (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Vincent Leveque(Cantor)
Ethan Ricafranca (Organist)

Hymns
Mass Setting: Missa Simplex
Processional Hymn: CWB 763 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 637 Canticle of Zechariah
Recessional Hymn: CWB 799 Rejoice, the Lord is King

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:1-3
(St Anne's only)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading
Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.
The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second reading
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

Gospel Acclamation
Psalms 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 13:33-37

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

Communion Antiphon Ps 84:13
(St Anne's only)
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Parish Notices

Little Sisters of the Poor
This weekend we welcome the sisters from the Little Sisters of the Poor in Glendalough for their annual appeal. The sisters through their Aged Care Home look after the elderly poor with minimal income and they require extra funds to help sustain their mission. They will take up collections at the front and side doors to the Basilica. Please be generous and assist the sisters with their work in the community.

Aquinas Schola Choir
Thank you to Hugh Lydon, the Aquinas Schola Choir for their support of the Parish with their singing at Masses in the Basilica. We hope that you all enjoy your holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2027.

Parish Morning Tea
The last Parish Morning Tea for 2026 will be celebrated on Sunday 20th December after the 8am Mass in the Presebytery carport. All Welcome!

Anointing of the Sick
The next Anointing of the Sick will be held during the Midday Mass on Tuesday 1st December. All Welcome.

Basilica Works
Please note that the Basilica will be closed all day on Tuesday 15th December for some maintenance works. There will be no Adoration or Mass on that day. Thank you for your patience during this time.

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.

December Name Tag Sunday – Let's Get Creative!

Calling all our parish children — it's time to get creative!

Our December Name Tag Sunday will be extra special as we celebrate the joy of Christmas together!

During the two weeks leading up to the first Sunday in December, every child in our parish is invited to take home their very own name tag and decorate it however they wish. Add colour, sparkle, stickers, drawings or a little Christmas magic — let your imagination run wild! Just remember to include your name.

Then, on Name Tag Sunday the 6th December, wear your creation proudly to Mass and show everyone your wonderful work!

As a little thank-you for taking part, each child will receive a Certificate of Participation.

We can't wait to see all the colourful creations, amazing ideas and happy faces! Let's make our final Name Tag Sunday of the year a joyful celebration filled with creativity, Christmas cheer and parish connections. So, get those creative hands ready, spread the Christmas joy and let's make December's Name Tag Sunday one to remember!

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate
would like to invite Parishioners and Friends
to join them in celebrating
Fr Anthony Colbert OMI
65th Anniversary of Ordination
with a Concelebrated Mass on Wednesday 16th December at Midday
followed by a light lunch in the parish centre
RSVP REQUIRED BEFORE 11/12/26 TO THE PARISH OFFICE

Christmas Mass Timetables

Christmas Mass Times, in English and Italian are available in the foyers of the Church.

Please Note: We have some large funerals coming up over the next few weeks along with the SPPS Graduation Ceremony and Mass and Seton College Staff Mass and this will impact the carpark. Please be patient when entering and exiting the carpark. Please also avoid parking in the grounds unless attending Masses.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28 Nov
6pm Vigil Mass:
Joseph & Pam Egan & Families (dec'd)
Patrick O'Shea & Families (dec'd)
Holy Souls

Sunday 29 Nov
8am Mass: Holy Souls
11am Mass: Daniel Capelinha (dec'd)
5pm Mass: The Soul of John Florenca (dec'd)

Monday 30 Nov
Midday Mass: Leonardo Goncalves (dec'd)

Tuesday 1 Dec
Midday Mass: Sacred Heart of Jesus from the Rosario Micari Family

Wednesday 2 Dec
Midday Mass: Amedeo Lomma (dec'd)
Manuel Pereira (dec'd)

Thursday 3 Dec
Midday Mass: Ewa Kwiatkawski (dec'd)

Friday 4 Dec
Midday Mass: Egido & Assunta Rico (dec'd)
Genoeffa Raffaele (dec'd)

Saturday 5 Dec
Midday Mass: Jelica & Rotomi Bacich (dec'd)
6pm Vigil Mass: Maria Roman Rebelo (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.

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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

Monday 30th November
Commencement of Advent Reflection Evenings

Tuesday 1st December
Antointing of the Sick during Midday Mass

Sunday 6th December
Name Tag Sunday

Friday 11th December
SPPS Graduation Mass