47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160

Basilica of St. Patrick

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday November 8th, 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
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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,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? (source Loyola Press)

Music Ministry

Organists & Cantors
Sat 6pm Vigil Mass: Aquinas Schola (Director: Hugh Lydon)
Alessandro Pittorino (Organist)
Sun 8am & 11am Masses: Noah Humich (Cantor)
Vince Basile (Organist)
Sun 5pm Mass: Isabella Pether (Cantor), Michael Peters (Organist)

Hymns
Mass Setting: Mass of St Francis
Processional Hymn: CWB 611 All the Earth Proclaim the Lord
Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 718 I am the bread of life
Recessional Hymn: CWB 755 Now Thank We All Our God

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 87: 3
(St Anne's only)
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 62(63):2-8

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

Communion Antiphon
Cf. Ps 22: 1-2
(St Anne's only)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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

Fr Vincent Joseph McGillicuddy OMI

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Fr McGillicuddy OMI in Richmond, Victoria on 2nd November. Fr McGillicuddy was 96 years old and joined the Oblates in 1955. He worked throughout the many Oblate parishes and schools in the Australian Province. His funeral will be held at St Kieran's Church, Moe, Vic on Friday 13th November. Let us keep him in our prayers and may he rest in peace.

Name Tag Sunday

Thank you to everyone who participated in Name Tag Sunday last weekend. 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!

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink 2026

IF YOU DID NOT PICK UP A COPY OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER LAST WEEKEND, PLEASE DO SO THIS WEEKEND, LETTERS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYERS.

Special Lifelink Collection will be taken up at all Masses THIS WEEKEND. Donation envelopes are available on the pews.

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.

Parish Morning Tea

Join us for morning tea on Sunday 8th November after the 8am Mass in the Presbytery carport. All Welcome.

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, 6pm to 7pm 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.

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.

Little Sisters of the Poor, Glendalough Appeal

One the weekend of the 28th /29th November we will welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor to the parish 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. Please be generous and assist the sisters with their work in the community.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7 Nov
6pm Vigil Mass:
Decio & Maria-Antonietta (dec'd Apulia, Italy)
Sunday 8 Nov
8am Mass:
Oscar Tagnipes (dec'd) and Holy Souls
11am Mass: Holy Souls, Glenn Leonard (dec'd anniv)
5pm Mass: Fortunata & Jose De Abreu (dec'd)
Monday 9 Nov
Midday Mass: Lombardo Family (int)
Tuesday 10 Nov
Midday Mass: John Goncalves (dec'd)
Wednesday 11 Nov
Midday Mass:
Pasquale De Gennaro (dec'd) and Holy Souls
Thursday 12 Nov
Midday Mass: Maria & Raymond Rodrigues (int 60th Wedding Anniversary)
Friday 13 Nov
Midday Mass:
Isabel Tagnipes (dec'd) and Holy Souls
Saturday 14 Nov
Midday Mass: Julie Bok (dec'd 8th anniversary)
6pm Vigil Mass: Marisa (Birthday int.)

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

Sunday 8th November
Parish Morning Tea
Lifelink Appeal Special Collection

Wednesday 25th November
Notre Dame University Mass

Weekend 28th/29th November
Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal in Parish

Monday 30th November
Commencement of Advent Reflection Evenings