



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY:** St Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the Traditional Owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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 Principal: Vincent Feeney

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
 Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am

**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES**

Day	Date	Time
Monday	29/1	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	30/1	9.30 Mass in the church
Wednesday	31/1	11am Mass Shanagolden
Thursday	01/02	9.30am Mass in the church
Friday	02/02	9.30am Mass in the church

**RECONCILIATION**  
 Saturday 9.30-10am or any time by appointment with Father

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Saturday 9.30-10.30am

**MARY'S INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

Saturday 10:00-10.30am

**SHANAGOLDEN ROSARY GROUP:** If you have any special prayer request please feel free to email jane.parsons@vmch.com.au or leave a message at parish office.

**ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP:** Open before and after all three weekend masses or by appointment. Please contact Jessey at 0406901318

**ST PATRICK'S PLAYGROUP:** Resumes Feb.2018 Please contact Parish Office 59417315

**+** We remember those who have died recently including Joan Walker, Renato Bigoni and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Adonia Castel. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AMEN**

**We pray for those who are sick** including Keith Brooks, David Gudgeon, Angel Tan, Calvin Furnell, Richard Pereira, Val Battams Tom Cervasio, Marie Stephen, Deonetta Golja. **We pray for all who care for the sick and worry about them. May their works of service be richly blessed.** (Names can only be placed on this list by the sick person or a family member).

**BAPTISMS:** "Receive the light of Christ. Parents and Godparents this light is entrusted to you to keep burning brightly" (Rite of Baptism). The next Baptism Preparation session is February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2.45pm

**EDUCATION FUNDING - CATHOLIC SECTOR SLAMS 'SHAM' INQUIRY:**

Victoria's Catholic education sector has accused the federal government of conducting a "sham" review into the method of ranking non-government schools to determine funding. In a renewed attack against Education Minister Simon Birmingham, the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria has claimed the current review of the socio-economic status score (SES) methodology — which determines a school's capacity to contribute to its operating costs, and therefore how much money it receives from the government — has been marred by a "phony consultation process" that ignored feedback from stakeholders and input from the government's independent adviser. The CECV had urged the government to broaden the scope of the review to the concept of "capacity to contribute" — including what it means, how it should be determined, and whether a school's assets or resources should be taken into account — in addition to reviewing the effectiveness and appropriateness of SES scores in assessing this.

In a report commissioned by the Department of Education and Training, Victoria University's Centre for International Research on Education Systems made a similar point. It noted that the objective, which reflected that "some parents and school communities" were more able than others "to contribute financially to their school's operating costs", required some clarification, including confirming what was meant by a "school community" as well as the "scope of financial resources".

"The minister's own hand-picked advisers share our concerns over some fundamental issues in school funding, yet he has excluded analysis of these issues from the terms of reference for his SES review," CECV executive director Stephen Elder said. "Senator Birmingham's review is a sham. It is ... increasingly apparent the review is a 'tick the box' exercise."

Mr Elder accused the minister of "manipulating" the review to "protect outrageous sums of money his model will direct to some of the wealthiest independent schools in the country".

He singled out The King's School in Sydney, which is set to receive an extra \$19 million over 10 years. According to the My Schools website, the independent boys' school raised more than \$45m from fees, parents and other "private contributions" in 2016.

Schools Victoria chief Michelle Green accused the CECV of waging an "ill-informed and divisive" campaign

**FROM OUR SAFETY OFFICER FOR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS:**

Children need to have a voice when it comes to child safety and this is often overlooked. They need to feel empowered and have a platform to speak out confidently if something is not right or does not feel right.

**ST PAT'S SOCIAL CLUB:** are having their first meeting for the year on **WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 10A.M.** in Church Library. It is an Informal Meet and Greet Day — have you any ideas for the programme?. Further info Bev 59401 890

**PARISH PLAYGROUPS –GET INVOLVED!**

The parish centre has a play room specifically designed for families with pre-school aged children (0-5) to get together, play and get to know each other. We are always looking for new families to become involved in the playgroup sessions which are held each weekday morning in the room. We have vacancies for new groups to form this year. Children attend once a week with their parent(s) for the two hour session and have the opportunity to learn basic socialization through play, eating together, craft and music. Parents can get to know others raising young children living in our parish and enjoy fellowship. A small levy is charged, \$10 a term per family, for equipment, craft supplies, tea and coffee, and you just bring a piece of fruit for the children to share at morning tea. To start the year, we are hosting a drop-in "Come and See" morning tea on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 11.30am here at the parish hall so families can come along, learn more and meet others.

If you are interesting in joining a weekly group and/ or wish to come along to the 'Come and See' morning tea, please don't hesitate to contact Liz Roberts on 040 710 4358.

**MULTIPLATFORM JOURNALIST NEEDED:**

The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint a Multiplatform Journalist for a fixed term of 2 years on a part time basis of 3 days per week (0.6FTE). The position forms part of the newly established Digital Media and Communications Team, reporting to the Bishop through Diocesan Digital Media Manager. The role will be actively involved in contributing content to the development of the Diocese's new information and news websites. The Multiplatform Journalist will actively seek news stories from around the Diocese and be able to present these stories in written and video format. The position will be based in Warragul and will require travel to Parishes in the Diocese. The role is expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sale and a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children. A high level of professionalism, capacity to work autonomously, initiative and sound communication skills is required in this key role. Position Description, Application Form, Confidential Referee Assessment Form and other relevant information is available. Please mail hr@sale.catholic.org.au to receive this pack. Applications close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



**PALMS ENCOUNTERS:** Palms Encounters are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give you an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of Palms development volunteers

**Palms Australia Encounters in 2018:** 11 – 23 March to Timor Leste; 18 – 30 May to Samoa; 20 May – 1 June to Timor Leste; 2 – 14 September to Timor Leste. Limited places still available on our March Encounter to Timor Leste! If you'd like to join us for this incredible experience please contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters). Palms Australia is a registered Non-Government Organisation that places skilled volunteers in remote communities around the world. Palms Australia's objective is to facilitate people cooperating across cultures to achieve a just, sustainable, interdependent and peaceful world free of poverty.

**Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life**

**CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED:** The Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Candidates will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick O'Regan at St Mary's Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2-018 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent). A Diocesan Choir is being organized to lead the congregation's singing for this beautiful liturgy. All singers are invited to contact Sophy Morley at the Diocese of Sale to register their interest as soon as possible. Singers will receive a music pack and further details via email.

**LITURGY MEETING:** The next meeting to discuss, review and plan for the liturgy in our parish will be on Thursday evening, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm, in the Parish library. If you are involved in any area of parish liturgical ministry, or would like to join in, you are most welcome to attend.

**YOUTH NEWS:**

**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT:** This was the theme of a day hosted by the new St Thomas the Apostle parish, Clyde North, and was a gratifying experience for about 70 young people. Below is a testimony of one of our parish youth. "Fight the Good Fight Youth Retreat helped me and many others reconnect spiritually with God, through songs, prayers, dramatised acts, personal stories and experiences. We also took part in various activities including Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Mass. Towards the end we celebrated with a party! Like many of us, I too enjoyed the retreat and the time I spent there, and hope to attend another". Aleena Thoppil, Year 9.

**WESTERN REGION PARISHES YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018:**

This is the next youth event of our western region parishes – Berwick, Narre Warren, Cranbourne, Clyde North, Pakenham, Koo Wee Rup, Iona/ Maryknoll - and all the youth and young adults of our parishes are invited to a day filled with music, workshops, group discussions, BBQ, worship and praise. This will be at St Agatha's parish, Sladen Street, Cranbourne on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, from 9:30 to 4:00pm. Registrations begin at 8:30am. Registrations forms are in our foyer or contact Siji @ 59417315 for further information.

**FINANCE MATTERS**

Last week PG \$ 2574.30 Loose \$652.40 House \$839.00  
 This week PG \$ 2053.00 Loose \$719.00 House \$688.20  
 "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."  
 - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	D Dominic C George	R Ginting S Dominic M Roche A Tanner Volunteer
9am	P Fernando C Fernando	A Penton Aj Estrada C Martin R & A Jayawardena
10.30am	R Lappin R Pereira	I Merrigan A Stowers H Yuke C Mayer Volunteer
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	J Samymuthu A Mendis	W & B Vail D Thomas H Francis' J Rodda
9am	A Penton R Jayawardena	N Ward P Velten G Prestt A Penton C McCowan
10.30am	J Obsiama B Kollans	M Welliwatte A Parma J White U Tiberi M Hobbin

**WELCOME TABLE :**

28<sup>th</sup> January 6pm M Burhop 9am A Jayawardena 10.30 P Bare  
 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm K Symons 9am G Prestt 10.30 H O;'Flynn  
**CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK:** C. McCowan & G Dias  
 With thanks to all who work so hard to prepare our church  
**ROSTERS FOR THE ROSARY STATUE:** are available in the church foyer. Please take the copy with your name highlighted on it

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PAKENHAM**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**