



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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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

Monday	12/02	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	13/02	7.30pm Vigil Mass of Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday	14/02	10am Mass in the church 11am Mass Shanagolden
Thursday	15/02	10.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Friday	16/02	9.30am Mass at St Clare's school
Saturday	17/02	9.30-10.30 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

RECONCILIATION

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

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



We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including **Stuart, Carolin & Allan O'Gorman, Cecilia Spain, Cecelia Carmody, Mary O'Brien, George Charabie, Gerard Verhaegh, 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, 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: This weekend we welcome for Baptism Olivia and Ava Mc Casker and Isaac Wilson "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 March 4th 2018 at 2.45pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year's World Day of Prayer will be held at The Salvation Army, 51 Bald Hill Road, Pakenham, on Friday 2nd March, at 10am. The theme this year is "All God's Creation is Very Good!" and we will be focusing on Suriname. One of the great things about us coming together this way is the possibility to have people from many of the local churches participate. This event is open to all and we will serve morning tea at the conclusion of the service.

PARISH LITURGY NEWS: A group of parishioners met during the week to discuss matters of interest in the liturgy of the parish. Present were Liz Merrigan, Fr Bernard, Marianne Dineen, Leonie McGinley, Irene Schlitz, Chris Russo, Siji Dominic, Items discussed included:

- A review of the Christmas liturgies
- The church Refurb under the guidance of Anthony Russo. A discussion was had on whether we need to increase the seating capacity of the church in light of projected growth in the population of the parish.
- A parish team "The Originators" has been formed to discuss ideas for church decorations and banners during the Lenten season. Anyone interested in this work could talk to Marianne or Siji at the parish office.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings during Lent.
- Discussion was held on the Australian bishops' call for days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sex abuse in the church and for healing of victims. The committee thought this might not be the most suitable way to acknowledge the harm done to many in the church.
- The Project Compassion boxes have arrived and will be distributed on Ash Wednesday and the following Sunday. The PC stories, given by Caritas for each week, are good and will be included in the introduction at Mass.
- Training of more altar servers will be offered soon. We will check with the schools to see if kids are interested in this ministry.
- Workshops for extraordinary ministers of communion will be run soon. We always need new ministers in this most important ministry.
- The Calvary scene near the school car park could be in the wrong place. Discussion held on whether it could be moved to the lawn between the church and the highway. There was general support of this idea.
- Parishioners always welcome to come to these meetings and have a say.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – PROJECT COMPASSION: On behalf of Caritas, the Catholic agency for International Aid and Development, Bishop Patrick O'Regan will launch Project Compassion 2018 in the Diocese of Sale on Tuesday, (Feb 13th) from 11:30 am at St Francis Xavier College, Officer Campus, 21 Majestic Drive, Officer. All are welcome to attend the PC18 launch

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: The PPC met on Tuesday evening. Present were Treasa Andrews, Liz Roberts, Siji Dominic, Fr Bernard, Helen Yuke, Mark Tanti, Gerald Prestt, Marianne Dineen, Jane Parsons, Herbie O'Flynn, Mick O'Brien. And some apologies were received. Various matters were considered by the PPC:

- St Patrick's Day, when a picnic will; be held in the church grounds after the 10:30 Mass. Please everyone, mark your diaries!!
- Issues of child and vulnerable adult safety, and how the culture of our parish must be vigilant towards any incidents of such behaviour, everywhere.
- Paddy's Kitchen. Our group investigating the establishment of a 'soup kitchen' type activity in our parish have been busy seeing how other groups offer meals to those less fortunate than many in our community.
- "Gaudium et Spes" (Joy and Hope) group. A group has been formed in the Diocese of Sale to prepare us all for the very big, Australia wide Church plenary Council in 2020 and 2021. Bishop Pat will visit us in April to tell us about the PC's agenda for the Church in Australia.
- Playgroup: New families are taking advantage of the play group room in the parish centre.
- Evangelization Committee: New members are needed to keep this group going and offering worthwhile activities in the parish to not only plant the seeds of new faith, but also nurture the faith of all parishioners.
- Church building report. The committee is meeting later in the week to review where things stand. The discussions are at the initial stage with Orchard Design Studios.
- Population growth: Figures from the census and planning experts advise the population of Pakenham, is about 50,000 people and the expectation at present is that in 20 years this will grow by another 30,000 = 80,000. About 20+% of whom will be Catholic on current estimates.
- Some new members are needed for the PPC. Parishioners are free to nominate others.
- Our parish schools are in good shape at the start of another year. Enrolments in Prep/ Foundation are strong and the schools have made a great start to the year.

PLANNING FOR THE 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA:

As the planning for the 2020 Plenary Council of the Church in Australia gets underway, Bishop Pat O'Regan would like to host a meeting with parishioners in each of our 27 parishes over the first half of 2018. It is envisaged that these meetings will be a way of introducing parishioners to the concept of Plenary 2020; initiating dialogue; explaining the Plenary process and most importantly, listening to the people. To that end Bishop Pat has put together a schedule of meetings to visit our 27 parishes and will be at St Patrick's on the 24th of April. Please mark your diary early!

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 17th 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2018 Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. **A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

THANKYOU FROM SR CHRISTINA: This is to say a sincere "thank you" to the parishioners of St. Patrick's for the warm welcome which you gave me for my Golden Jubilee. It was great to be with you at the Masses and thanks for cards, gifts, money and lovely cup of tea, cakes, biscuits/sandwiches which people provided. Such occasions don't just happen without people behind the scenes organizing it. Thanks too to the great people behind the counter serving/washing up and cleaning up. Thanks too for the prayers for the safe flight. I never cease to be amazed at how that tonnage is able to become airborne and land so easily; T.G. and our good pilots.

My time in Australia was wonderful and even it was as long again it would still not be long enough to see everyone. A day or two before leaving it was 39 degrees; last Wednesday when I arrived here it was 1 degree. However I must admit I did not find it too hot in Aussieland or too cold here. T.G. Next month we will have Spring and there are already signs in nature of this. I'll say bye for now and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless, love - Christina

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: An older, single lady is seeking a one bedroom accommodation in Pakenham to live in, to be closer to her relatives here. If anyone can help please ring Rose on 0430 282 533.

THANKYOU FROM SR TERESA: To all in the St Pat's community, many thanks for your prayers, gifts and superb morning tea, celebrating my 60 years as a Good Sam! It is all very much appreciated. Sr Teresa.

ST PATS YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH BBQ, will be on 24th Feb after 6:00 pm mass. All youth 13 and above are welcome. Please RSVP Maddy at 0490384487 by Feb 20th

FINANCE MATTERS

Last week PG \$1990.70 Loose \$559.00 House \$711.25
 This week PG \$2237.00 Loose \$792.95 House \$844.45

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	J Rodda H Staindl	S Torres T Andrews N Andrews T & F O'Gorman
9am	B Wiergerink T Lanigan	N Boloski G Thompson J Schalks M O'Brien M Dineen
10.30am	J Beale J Fanchette	A Stowers J White H Yuke U Tiberi Volunteer Please
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	D Thomas E Fernando	D Dominic M Burhop J Rodda W Gaciabu L Garvey
9am	P Velten G Thompson	S Resuggan D Rowlands T Reimert Aj Estrada C Martin
10.30am	L O'Flynn A Raos	M Welliwatte Parma R Lappin U Tiberi C Mayer

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 11th Feb D Velten & Volunteer
 18th Feb: N Boloski & D Velten

WELCOME TABLE :

11th Feb 6pm S Dominic 9am B Hind 10.30 J Pauguy
 18th Feb 6pm M Burhop 9am AJ Estrada 10.30 L O'Flynn

CLEANING THIS WEEK: Adam Watts & M Wiczaruk
 Cleaning Rosters are available in the Church foyer for pick up.