



**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: Mick O'Brien  
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Principal: Vincent Feeney

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

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

**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES**

Monday	05/02	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	06/02	9.30 Mass in the church
Wednesday	07/02	11am Anointing Mass Shanagolden
Thursday	08/02	10.30am Mass at Millhaven Aged Care
Friday	09/02	9.30am Mass in St Pat's School stadium
Saturday	10/02	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

**ST., PATRICK'S PLAYGROUP:** If you would like information please call parish office 59417315.



We remember those who have died recently including **Wilhelmus Hilkes** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including **Ernest Rossetti, Patricia Lloyd**  
**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 Amelia Ricciuti, Darcy & Oscar Petersen "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 today, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 2.45pm

**ST PAT'S SOCIAL CLUB:** The Social Club is 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

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:** Bishop Patrick O'Regan has announced changes in location for some of the clergy in the Diocese of Sale.

1. Fr Malcom Hewitt to retire as parish priest of Cowes.
2. Fr Manny Lomagno from PP at Wonthaggi to PP at Cowes.
3. Fr Darren Howie from Administrator at Heyfield-Cowwarr to PP of Wonthaggi.
4. Fr Janeesh Jose from assistant priest at Leongatha/Korumburra/ Foster to PP at Yarram and Foster.
5. Fr James Fernandez from assistant priest at Narre Warren to PP of Morwell and Churchill.
6. Fr Siju Xavier from PP of Morwell and Churchill to PP of Heyfield and Maffra.
7. Fr Saji John from assistant priest at Traralgon and Yarram to assistant priest at Narre Warren, with shared duties with the Syro-Malabar Eparchy.

**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 24<sup>TH</sup> of April. Please mark your diary early!  
Should this date severely affect an already scheduled Parish event please let us know by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**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. Most of the music will already be familiar to you:

**PALMS ENCOUNTERS: 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).

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

**YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT - 2018:**

Each week in the bulletin we include part of a report of a survey offered to young Catholics last year to help prepare an Australian response to the forthcoming Roman Synod of the Church, discussing the above topic. Following is another extract from that response:

**EVALUATING THE SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** In what manner does the Church listen to the lived situations of young people?

The National Youth Survey revealed that the main factors that contributed to the positive experiences of young people being listened to by the Church were 1) talking to people who valued their story, 2) the positive attitude of the clergy, and 3) the welcoming and supportive attitude of parishioners. The main ways in which listening happens is through parishes, Catholic schools, youth movements and diocesan youth ministry initiatives and programs.

Parishes, through their connections to everyday life, enable many moments where young people can be heard and understood. Youth feel most listened to when they have meaningful conversations with parishioners, when they are given the opportunity to contribute their gifts to the liturgy and participate in youth-specific events and when clergy and youth ministers set aside time to invest in them. Young people in youth groups can share their stories and experiences through the friendships they form there as well as in small group situations. Youth taking on roles in parish committees or councils enable greater opportunities for being heard.

Being listened to by a priest seemed particularly important to many youth. In this regard, the sacrament of Reconciliation was recognised as a prime opportunity for such positive encounters. Catholic schools are good places in which to tap into the lived experiences of young people. Young people are listened to through classroom interactions and conversations with staff and teachers and on school retreats and other faith events. They also feel listened to through consultations with teachers, principals, Religious Education coordinators and student leaders. School youth ministries and youth ministers, as well as university chaplains, play a key role in listening to and sharing in the experiences of young people in schools.

Young people who participate in the myriad of youth movements in Australia communicate their life situations at a deeper level to members within their community. They are encouraged to share their genuine experiences, struggles and joys of life. They are encouraged to be themselves knowing that God loves them as they are and that the people in the community will show them respect and charity.

Many Australian dioceses have recognised the need to engage with young people and have set up processes of review into youth ministry and the ways in which they support youth in their parish communities. Young people's voices and concerns are heard through parish visitations, consultation forums and conversations with the local bishop and at discussion forums at diocesan youth events such as youth rallies and retreats. Many dioceses have established youth councils or offices for ministry with young people to ensure that they are regularly heard and given a voice. Members of these bodies represent various sectors of the Catholic community including parishes, schools, young adults, students, and multicultural groups. The experiences of young people are heard through the networking and supporting of youth ministers and youth ministry leaders, regular youth forums, an online presence with young people through social media and the development of leadership programs for students and young adults. While there are many opportunities for being listened to, many young people feel that the Church can do much more in other areas such as being open to not-so-traditional forms of worship and prayer and building relationships with young people who are not in regular or conventional expressions of Church life.

The National Youth Survey also revealed that the negative experiences of young people being listened to were primarily through negative personal interactions with a Church member, occasions where a young person's comments were ignored by a Church group, and seemingly close-minded or biased attitudes of people within the Church. ....2018 Synod of Bishops XV Ordinary General Assembly: *Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment*

**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. Children attend once a week with their parent(s) for the two hour session and have the opportunity to learn basic socialization though 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.

**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 \$2053.00 Loose \$719.00 House \$688.20  
This week PG \$1990.70 Loose \$559.00 House \$711.25

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

	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
NEXT WEEK	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

**WELCOME TABLE :**

4<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm K Symons 9am G Prestt 10.30 H O;Flynn  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm S Dominic 9am B Hind 10.30 J Paugu

**CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK:** 11/2 T & N Andrews

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

11<sup>th</sup> Feb: D Velten & Volunteer 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: N Boloski & D Velten

**ST PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP:** Returns this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 7.10pm in the Welcome Room. All Welcome.

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PAKENHAM**

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

**4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018.**