



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	4/03	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	5/03	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	6/03	11am Mass Shanagolden
Thursday	7/03	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Friday	8/03	9.30am Mass in the church 7pm Stations of the Cross Church
Saturday	9/03	9.30-10.30 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

RECONCILIATION

By appointment with Fr.

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 Liz 0407104358.

SACRAMENTS DATES FOR 2018:

FHC: Weekend of 26th May and 2nd June **Confirmation:** 17th & 18th August, **Reconciliation:** 25th October, to enroll, Contact Parish Office.



We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including **Tony Raos, Kath Haughton.** 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, and Philomena Austin. **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 today March 4th 2018 at 2.45pm

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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in the church.

Zimbabwean Community Stations of the Cross: every Sunday at 4pm, in their local language. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be a special outdoor communal/family Stations of the cross conducted on Good Friday (30th March) at 10.30am. If you wish to be part of a station please contact Tresa 0421 931 888



Third Sunday of Lent 4th March



Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Bring your family and friends to our School in Action tour, **Thursday 8 March, departing 9.00am.** Mater Christi College is a vibrant, inclusive and warm community where girls feel safe, build friendships and become intelligent and reflective learners. For more information, or to arrange a **Personal Tour**, contact Kylie Lee, 9754 6611.

MEN'S LENTEN PROGRAM is being held each Saturday during Lent at 8.30 to 9.30 in the Library. Come along, share the Gospel and meet other men. Remember the proverb: "measure twice and cut once"! Well, here a chance to measure your response to Lent this year. For more info ring 0419223631

LENTEN SEASON RECONCILIATION: To help prepare us for holy week there will be a reconciliation service in our parish on 20th March at 7:30 pm. Mark your Calendars.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next parish council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30pm in the parish library.

ST PATRICK'S FEAST: To celebrate the Feast of our Parish Patron Saint, parishioners are invited to join for a picnic on the oval; following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 18th March. Bring your own everything, BBQ facilities available.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL GROUP INDOOR BOWLS starts again on FRIDAY, 9th MARCH at 12.30p.m in Parish Hall. We are all beginners who enjoy the bowls, good company and plenty of laughs followed by a "cuppa" for \$2.00. We play every fortnight. **Exercise Group** every Thursday at 10a.m. in the Parish Hall led by Jacqui a professional teacher followed by a "cuppa". Chair exercises are also included. \$5.00. Further info Bev 59401 890

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL GROUP: Following the successful Mystery Bus Trip St. Patrick's Social Club have organized a luncheon at the "Lady Lavender Tea Rooms", Princes Highway, Bunyip on Wednesday, 7th March at 12pm. For further info and names contact Kathy 0418 796 616 or Bev 59401 890 by 4th March to ensure bookings.

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

A NOTE FROM SR TERESA: Would anyone who takes Communion to the sick have a pyx with Teresa written on the back of it. If you do find it I would appreciate it being left at the church.

ST. PATRICK'S FETE NEWS: TRASH & TREASURE: If you have any Trash or Treasure for this stall at our upcoming Fete on Friday March 16th. It can be dropped off at the school either Monday or Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm or Friday 8.30 to 9.15am or alternatively left at the Parish Office for collection by the fete organizers.

We will also be seeking baked goods for our **CAKE STALL.** Please label donations with the name of your product and all ingredients used. No Cream or Meat products please. Items can be dropped off between Thursday March 15th and Friday March 16th in the Parish Centre Hall or left with Mary in the Parish Office. Thank you for your ongoing support. **BOOK STALL** is also in need of donations which can be left at the Parish Office don't forget any **PLANTS** can also be left at the office or Mrs. Chalmers classroom.

SEWING MACHINE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP. To be held on March 15th 2018, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, by mechanic Gordan. Come with your sewing machine, scrap fabric, an extension cord/power board and don't forget your manual. Cost \$40. A cleaning kit available for purchase for \$15.To register and further information, contact Cheryl Billing Smith at 0417 124 881.

ST. PATRICK'S SEWING GROUP: A group of enthusiastic ladies meet on a Thursday from 11am till 2.30pm in the library to learn to make beautiful clothes as well as to improve their English speaking skills. You are most welcome to join. For more info Contact Cheryl Billing Smith at 0417124811

WORKING BEE: There will be a special working bee to spring clean the whole church on the 24th March at 10:00am. We are christening the new 7Ft extendable cobweb broom to reach the heavenly heights. Many hands make light work.

COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS: If you are doing your shopping at Coles over the next few weeks, our schools, St Patrick's and St Clare's would be most grateful if you could collect the stickers offered and place them in the box on the table in the church foyer. The stickers will then be collected and much needed sports equipment provided to the schools. Thank you for your help.

CHOIR PRACTICE - Lent/Easter Wednesday at 7.30 pm and continue through Lent. Dates for your calendar are 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March. All singing voices are welcome.

NEW ROSTERS: are due the 1st week of April. If you have any changes to your availability please see Mary in the office or email siji@stpatrickspakenham.com.au before the 20th March.

ST PAT'S YOUTH GROUP: Will meet next on Saturday, 10th March after the 6:00pm mass in the parish hall.

ST. PATRICK'S PLAYGROUP: We have vacancies on Wednesday and Thursday mornings commencing at 9.30am. Cost \$10 per term, per family. Children 0-5 years welcome with a parent. Bring a piece of fruit to share at morning tea. Call Liz Roberts on 040 710 4358 if

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK: We have a number of volunteer opportunities for the holy week. Signup sheets in the foyer. Please put your name down for those that suit you the best.

Volunteer with Palms Australia- Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"



Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

4th March: J Schalks & J White
11^h March D Velten & Volunteer

WELCOME TABLE:

4th Mar 6pm W Gaciabu 9am G Prestt 10.30 H O'Flynn
11th Mar 6pm K Symons 9am B Hind 10.30 J-C. Pauguy

CLEANING

9/3 Katrine Venn, 16/3 M Sashanami, J-C Pauguy
Please Note: No Flowers during Lent.

ROSARY STATUE: 4/3 G & N Forrest, 11/3 Noreen Norico

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	T Ridgeway A Mendis	R Ginting S Dominic M Roche T Ridgeway Volunteer
9am	A J Estrada A Penton	P Velten G Prestt C McCowan G Thompson J Schalks
10.30am	R Pereira J Arul	M Weliwatte A Parma R Lappin C Mayer Volunteer
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	A Tanner J Parsons	D Thomas H Judd H Francis J Rodda M Wiwczaruk
9am	M & C McCowan	N Boloski M O'Brien S Resuggan M Dineen D Rowlands
10.30am	F Fanchette J Beale	M Welliwatte A Parma R Lappin C Mayer M Pauguy

FINANCE MATTERS

Last week PG \$1752.40 Loose \$755.30 House \$843.35
This week PG \$2115.50 Loose \$745.50 House 4645.75

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.