



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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Our Schools
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St Francis Xavier College: 9707 3111
 Principal: Vincent Feeney

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

Day	Date	Time
Monday	09/04	Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday	10/04	9.30am Mass
Wednesday	11/04	11.00 Mass at Shanagolden
Thursday	12/04	10.30 am Mass at Millhaven
Friday	13/04	9.30am Mass
Saturday	14/04	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6PM Vigil mass
Sunday	15/04	9am & 10.30 Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am or any time by arrangement with Father.

MARY'S INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Saturday 10:00-10.30am

SHANAGOLDEN ROSARY GROUP:

Email jane.parsons@vmch.com.au for prayer requests

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

ST. PATRICK'S PLAYGROUP: If you would like information please call Liz 0407104358.

CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling Services 1800522076

1 Roger Street, Pakenham Catholic Care

SEWING GROUP: Every Thursday from 11am – 2.30pm in the parish library Contact Cheryl 0417124811.

EXERCISE GROUP: Every Thursday in the parish library 10am Chair Exercises available. Contact Bev 59401890.



We remember those who have died recently including Tracey McGrath, Wayne Cooper, Margeritta Marotta, Katharina Hofinger and those whose anniversaries occur about this time
 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, George Hilder, Lyn Hardidge 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: This weekend we welcome for baptism Zoe Perera, Palmira Lorenz & Brandon Bounday and their parents *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 is today, April 8th at 2.45pm in the parish library.

PARISH MEETING WITH THE BISHOP: As the planning for the 2020 Plenary Council of the Church in Australia gets underway, Bishop Pat O'Regan is visiting every parish. These meetings are a way of introducing parishioners to the concept of Plenary 2020; initiating dialogue; explaining the Plenary process and most importantly, listening to the people. Bishop Pat will be at St Pat's on the 24th of April.

The format of the evening is roughly as follows:

- 7.30pm: Welcome
- 7.35pm: Prayer
- 7.45pm: History and nature of a Plenary Council; about the 2020 Plenary Council; what the Bishops are doing; what the Sale Diocese is doing; introduction to the Gaudium et Spes group; what each Parish is asked to do.
- 8.10pm: Snapshot of each Parish and the Diocese of Sale
- 8.20pm: Open session.
- 9.00pm: Close and cuppa

Please mark your diary for April 24th! This will be one of the more important parish meetings of the year. Please consider attending. I respectfully ask all parish volunteers, groups and nationalities to see they are well represented on the night. If groups have scheduled meetings that night, I ask them, please, to consider postponing their meeting in favour of attending this one. Fr Bernard.

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 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.

THANK YOU: Denise Cervasio and family would like to thank parishioners for their kind support, messages and prayers offered to them during Tom's illness and funeral. Thank you all so much.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Communion will be celebrated in our parish on the 26th/27th of May and the 2nd/3rd of June. For those children, and their families, attending schools other than our parish schools, who would like to receive their first communion this year, please contact Siji Dominic 59417315 or siji@stpatrickspakenham.com.au - soon to register. Preparatory sessions begin on 18th April for all the children and their families. It is expected that each child and a family member will attend each activity.

CONNECT WITH THE DIOCESE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA: The Diocese of Sale has a Facebook page. You can 'like' the page by visiting Facebook and searching for Catholic Diocese of Sale or by going to www.facebook.com/diocesefofsale Through the Facebook page you can learn more about what is happening across the Diocese. Help us grow our online community

MANY THANKS: Many hands certainly do make light work! So a big thank you to all who made the Easter celebrations so memorable for us all at St Patrick's, those who cleaned and prepared the church, altar of repose and grounds, technical experts, the florists, the musicians and singers, banner makers and decorators, the youth group, lectors, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, offertory people and welcomers, altar servers and collectors, parish staff and many volunteers, ceremony participants. Thanks to you all from all in the parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: The PPC met on Tuesday night for the monthly gathering of this important parish group. Present were Mick O'Brien, in the chair, Gerald Prestt, Tresa Andrews, Herbie O'Flynn, Jane Parsons, Siji Dominic, Wangui Gaciabu and Fr Bernard. Apologies were received.

- Items discussed included:
- The next meeting of the Western Region parishes of our diocese is on the 16th May at OLHC, Narre Warren.
- At Shanagolden there will be a memorial service to take place for all who have gone to meet God in the last six months. May their dear souls rest in peace.
- St Pat's school did well from the fete on March 16th. The 2 captains and vice captains represented the school well at the Mass of the Oils at the cathedral at Sale in Holy Week.
- The outdoor Good Friday morning Stations of the Cross went very well. The script was meaningful and the children were able to read it, families were involved.
- The Evangelization group may be sponsoring an Alpha program, perhaps starting in June, sessions before and after the term break.. Some new parishioners keen on running it.
- Our parish response to requirements of Safety of Children and Vulnerable Adults is unfolding. A Code of Conduct is up on the website, all parishioners with a WWCC can sign the new code of conduct.
- The Church Refurbishment project group is preparing a draft design brief. The group is seriously considering increasing the capacity of the church when the project begins rather than simply refurbish what we already have. Feedback will be sought on the draft design brief.
- The Soup Kitchen project was discussed and the thought was to start bringing the idea to reality now. The committee's core team will meet soon.
- The Youth involvement in the Good Friday liturgy was appreciated. Thanks to them all and those who helped them prepare. There is a Western Region parishes youth event coming up in May here at St Pat's. Planning in progress.
- The Bishop will be at St Pat's on April 24th at 7:30pm for a meeting with all parishioners. Signup sheets will be available in the foyer after masses. (See bulletin notice)
- 'Welcome Team' guidelines were suggested for those who are willing to join this ministry. A 'Welcome' pack of parish information will be prepared for new arrivals in our parish.
- A 'Parish Expo' is being discussed, perhaps on Pentecost Sunday, when all can be made aware of the wide variety of groups and needs in our parish.
- The PPC can always do with a new member or two. Nominations can be made to Father. All parishioners can make approaches to any PPC member to raise issues they consider important and worth discussing.

AN RCIA BLESSING:

Blessing on the Forehead: May I think with the mind of Christ.
 Blessing on the Eyes: May I see the world as Christ sees the world.
 Blessing on the Ears: May I hear the word of Christ spoken to me.
 Blessing on the Lips: May I speak the words of Christ to others.
 Blessing of the Shoulders: May Christ help me carry my burdens and help others carry theirs.
 Blessing of the Heart: May I always love like Christ.
 Blessing of the Hands: May I always work for the good of Christ's people.
 Blessing of the Feet: May I always walk with Christ along the right Paths.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Thanks too, to all parishioners for their support of the Good Friday collection for the holy places. The Good Friday appeal helps us join with the Catholic people all through the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the holy land. Each of us becomes an instrument of peace in a trouble land. Our contribution of \$2263.10 will be forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat, via the Franciscan Provincial office in Sydney.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Thanks to all parishioners from Caritas Australia for their support of Project Compassion. Your boxes could be returned at your convenience and the parish can forward the proceeds to Caritas.

PALMS AUSTRALIA INFORMATION SESSION: Saturday 5th May, 10.30-12.00pm at Ross House Association, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Register now for our Volunteer information session to find out how you can help Palms Limited spots available Email palms@palms.org.au or call 0295605333 to RSVP See noticeboard for more information.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: St. Clare's is running a fundraising dinner in partnership with Shanikas Viale in Lakeside. The school is fundraising for their new adventure playground. Limited tickets are still available to attend the dinner and support the school. When: May 1st, 6pm at Shanikas Viale in Lakeside. Cost:\$35 per person (price includes entree, main and entry into door prize draw). For more information or to book tickets to the dinner please contact Angharad on 0476647001.

COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS: 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Resumes after School holidays

WELCOME TABLE:

8th April: 6pm M VanDiemen 9am G Prestt 10.30am H O'Flynn
 14th April 6pm S Dominic 9am B Hind 10.30am J Pauguy

ROSARY STATUE: 8/4 Poonweera Family 15/4 Gupta Family

CLEANING ROSTER: 13/4 P Bare & G Dias

FINANCE MATTERS:

Last week PG \$2165.10 Loose \$671.40 House \$738.25
 This week PG \$1925.70 Loose \$1062.30 House \$943.45

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." – Acts 4:32.

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	J Parsons T Andrews	H Judd M Vandiemmen T Andrews W & B Vail
9am	M O'Brien D Rowlands	N Ward Aj Estrada C Martin R & A Jayawardena
10.30am	A Raos J Fanchette	M Hobbin A Parma R Lappin CMayer J Mozina
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	A Mendis E Fernando	H Francis J Rodda T & N Andrews P Pereria
9am	G Thompson M O'Brien	S Resuggan P Maxfield M Puguy GPrestt B Barker
10.30am	F Fanchette J Beale	M Weliwatte A Parma R Lappin M Hobbin J Mozina