



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am  
**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES**

Day	Date	Time / Event
Monday	16/4	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	17/04	9.30am Mass
Wednesday	18/04	11.00 Mass at Shanagolden
Thursday	19/04	10.30 am Mass at McGregor Gardens
Friday	20/04	9.30am Mass
Saturday	21/04	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6PM Vigil mass
Sunday	22/04	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 Christine 0438364881  
**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 Lalaine Raving 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 Elizabeth Ware, 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 Indianna Wirth and her parents for baptism *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 May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW AND REVITALISE YOUR FAITH?:** The Parish Pastoral Council has been discussing bringing the Alpha program to St Pat's. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. It is run all around the world - in cafes, churches, universities, name it, but all programs have three key things in common – eat, watch and chat.

Alpha covering topics like: *Is there more to life than this?; How does God guide us?; What about the church? .....* and many more.  
Expert contributors include Cardinal Schonborn of Vienna and Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, as well as inspiring stories from around the world, people transformed by the love of Jesus.  
When? The PPC is considering starting on Friday evening, June 1st at 7:00pm and to continue every Friday for 5 weeks; breaking for two weeks of school holidays and back again in mid-July. The commitment doesn't need to be the 15 weeks; parishioners can join in and feel free to make their own choice?

It would be really great to have a couple more people to add to the Team to get the ball rolling. For more info contact Tresa Andrews @0421 931 888, or Fr Bernard.

**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.

**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.

**THE PATH TO HOLINESS:** Pope Francis has said the path to holiness is marked by actions of charity, joy and a sense of humour while warning Catholics against ideologies that suggest God's grace is controlled by doctrine. Holiness is lived in the daily routine of people's lives. In a new apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* – Rejoice and be Glad – released last week, Francis calls on Catholics to follow Jesus' beatitudes through serving the marginalised, the poor and migrants, while offering an unequivocal defence of the child in the womb.

"Our defence of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development," he writes.

"Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection."  
In the exhortation, Francis criticises those who describe the plight of migrants as a "secondary issue" compared to "grave bioethical issues", saying they have adopted an attitude akin to a "political looking for votes". The attitude of a Christian, the Pope explains, is "to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children."

The exhortation urges each Catholic not to try and copy the saints but to discover their own path to holiness, safe in the knowledge that those who have gone before them are carrying them forward.

For Francis, sanctity is discovered through daily life which he describes as the "middle class of holiness". Husbands and wives become holy by caring for each other, as do parents sacrificing time to listen to their child and employees acting with integrity.

To be holy, the Pope writes, it is important to avoid two contemporary versions of old heresies: Pelagianism, a belief that God's grace is attained through our own effort, and Gnosticism, where special knowledge makes people "judge others based on their ability to understand certain doctrines".

Francis also urges people to reject hedonism and consumerism, and to develop a prayer life. But he says it is not "healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others" and to seek out prayer while "disdaining service". This is the third apostolic exhortation delivered by Francis and follows "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel"), the programmatic text of his papacy, and "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), which is focussed on the family.

**PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY AND 'EXPO':** On Pentecost Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30am Mass, the parish will be celebrating Pentecost with a spirit filled International Food Day, similar to last year's event. All parishioners, of all nationalities, are invited to join with their group to offer their national foods and dishes to all who gather. It will be very handy to have a co-ordinator from each of the national groups. More details soon. At the same gathering we will have a "Parish Expo" displaying all the gifts and talents, all the groups and teams, presently in our parish. The idea will be to let people know what we have and do, perhaps even inviting people to join a group or a team of some sort. May 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30am Mass!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Communion will be celebrated in our parish on the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> of May and the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> April for all the children and their families. It is expected that each child and a family member will attend each activity.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA INFORMATION SESSION:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 02 9560 5333 to RSVP See noticeboard for more information.

**YOUTH NEWS:** St Patrick's will be hosting the next western Region Youth event on Saturday, May 12th, from 1:00pm, which will be a fun and energetic musical afternoon with youth from all over the diocese. This will be a great opportunity for our youth and the parishioners to get involved. Stay tuned for more information on our Facebook page: TheLAMPsale, and Instagram : @thelampsale  
We are looking for a lot of help to host the event. Please contact Dave at 0449 067 100.

**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/dioceoseofsale Through the Facebook page you can learn more about what is happening across the Diocese. Help us grow our online community

**ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP:** This group is now known as St Patrick's Friendship Group and their first outing is a luncheon at the Pakenham Hotel, Main Street, Pakenham (near the station). This will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are able to come please contact Kath on 0418 674 9616 or ksymons54@bigpond.com

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Resumes after School holidays  
**WELCOME TABLE:**  
14<sup>th</sup> April 6pm S Dominic 9am B Hind 10.30am J Pauguy  
21<sup>st</sup> April 6pm M Vandiemmen 9am A Jayawardena 10.30 I Merrigan  
**ROSARY STATUE:** 15/4 Gupta Family  
22/4 Mendis/Fernandez Family  
**CLEANING ROSTER:** 21/4 M Craven & B Syder  
28/4 W Damian & A Coneth-Vanday

**FINANCE MATTERS:**  
Last week PG \$1925.70 Loose \$1062.30 House \$943.45  
This week PG \$1794.00 Loose \$636.20 House \$851.70  
*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened" – Luke 24:36-3*  
Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

	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 GPrest B Barker
10.30am	F Fanchette J Beale	M Weliwatte A Parma R Lappin M Hobbin J Mozina
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	D Dominic R Luker	L Garvey M Vandiemmen H Judd T & F O'Gorman
9am	D Rowlands R Jayawarden	R & A Jayawardena C McCowan N Boloski G Thompson
10.30	M Byers L O'Flynn	I Merrigan A Stowers H Yuke C Mayer D SweeFan

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PAKENHAM**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**15TH APRIL, 2018**