



**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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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	23/4	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	24/04	9.30am Mass
Wednesday	25/04	Anzac Day Mass 10am 11.00 Mass at Shanagolden
Thursday	26/04	9.30am Mass
Friday	27/04	9.30am Mass
Saturday	28/04	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6PM Vigil mass
Sunday	29/04	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, Therese Quinn and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Gerry Quinn 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 Vincenza Santo, 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 Mikaylah Hunter, Jobe Appel, Thomas Neal & Ivy Hunia and their 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 by next weekend so the parish can forward the proceeds to Caritas.

**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 This will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. contact Kath on 0418 674 9616 or ksymons54@bigpond.com

**WELCOME:** This weekend at the parish we welcome one of our seminarians, Confidence Masvosva, who is with us to highlight the importance of vocations in the church. The fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and Confidence is going to tell us about his vocation, at present to be a seminarian, and please God, in due course, to be ordained priest for the Diocese of Sale. (Lord knows, we need him!!)

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is also known as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us. God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to ‘dream big’ and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?*

Pope Francis, in his Message for 2018 World Day of Vocations wrote, ‘It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.’

A prayer request: You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you ‘spiritually’ to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

*Prayer for Vocations*  
**He said to them “Come and See.”**  
**They came and saw where he was staying (John 1:39).**

**God of all nations, we are most grateful for the first Catholic missionaries and explorers who came to Gippsland.**  
**As strangers in a strange land they brought with them countless skills, talents and traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith. May the good News of Jesus Christ, which molded and shaped their lives, continue to mold and shape our lives today. Bless our Diocese with men and women who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church as religious brothers, sisters, priests, and deacons.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, help us all to hear your call to “Come and See.”**

**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.

**SOUP KITCHEN PROJECT:** The core group of our parish Soup Kitchen project met on Thursday night and made a few decisions about the ‘doing’ of a soup kitchen. The name of the project will now be “Paddy’s Kitchen”. It will start out as a roast meal every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month planning to serve our first meal 6:00pm Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A meeting for interested volunteers will be held on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April following the 10:30 mass in the Welcome Room. At some stage a collection will be taken up at Mass to help fund the initiative. The Committee hopes that this project will be part of our response to Pope Francis’ call on Catholics to follow Jesus’ beatitudes through serving the marginalised, the poor and migrants; to be a church for the poor.

**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.

**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 contact Angharad on 0476647001.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY:** 22/9 F DeBona & A Jayawardena  
29/4 D Velten & R Kollaris  
**WELCOME TABLE:**  
21/22<sup>st</sup> April 6pm M Vandiemmen 9am A Jayawardena 10.30 I Merrigan  
28/29<sup>th</sup> April 6pm K Symons 9am G Prestt 10.30 J Pauguy  
**ROSARY STATUE:**  
22/4 Mendis/Fernandez Family 29/4 Manoj Mendis Family.  
**CLEANING ROSTER:** 28/4 W Damian & A Coneth-Vanday  
4<sup>th</sup> May T & N Andrews

**FINANCE MATTERS:**  
Last week PG \$1794.00 Loose \$636.20 House \$851.70  
This week PG \$1707.00 Loose \$637.25 House \$649.95  
*“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.” – JOHN 10:14-16*  
When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in “quiet whispers”, so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	D Dominic R Luker	L Garvey M Vandienmen H Judd T & F O’Gorman
9am	D Rowlands R Jayawarden	R & A Jayawardena C McCowan N Boloski G Thompson
10.30am	M Byers L O’Flynn	I Merrigan A Stowers H Yuke C Mayer D SweeFan
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	J Colvin J Rodda	D Dominic M Wiwczaruk W & B Vail R Ginting
9am	C & M McCowan	D Rowland T Reimert C Martin N Ward A Penton
10.30	J & A Arul	M Welliwatte A Parm R Lappin M Hobbin J Mozina