



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

Day	Date	Time
Monday	14/05	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	15/05	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	16/05	11.00 Mass at Shanagolden
Thursday	17/05	10.30am Mass at Millhaven
Friday	18/05	9.30am Mass
Saturday	19/05	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6PM Vigil mass
Sunday	20/05	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

**ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP:** Meets in the Welcome Room every Second Friday 7.10pm start. Contact Theo 59417413. Next date is 18/05

✠ We remember those who have died recently including Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Licciardi 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.

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 Emilia Melliza and her 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.45pm in the parish library.

**PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY AND 'EXPO':** Our big map is out in the foyer waiting for all of you to pin your country of origin. On Pentecost Sunday, next Sunday, 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 your national foods and dishes to all who gather. This year's co-ordinator is Jane Estrada, on 0410 564 014. Jane will look forward to speaking to all the national groups about how they can participate. Please put your name down in the sign up sheets and Jane will contact you.

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. Would all groups please ensure they have a display ready for that day to tell us all what you do, maybe even be ready to meet some new members! 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. Next Sunday, after the 10:30am Mass!

**ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** Our next outing will be to the Tooradin Sports Club, 62 South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin at 12 noon on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come. If you would like to come please contact Kathy 0418679616 or ksymons54@bigpond.com

**RESTORE YOUR SOUL:** Pakenham Lakeside Church hosts a monthly Taize style service on the second Sunday of the month at 4:30pm, at Lakeside College. Members of all churches are invited to 'Restore your Soul' through this service, with time for singing, contemplative prayer, silence, and the Word of God. The service usually goes for just over half an hour. We suggest that for those wanting to gather, please be a little early to settle in to the flow of the worship.

**CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** The children's friendship group (for prep to grade 6 children) will be held every Saturday from 5pm to 5.45 pm in the St Patrick's Church library till term 2 holidays. Please contact Sumy (sumyvantony@gmail.com).

**THE GOLDEN YEARS!:** Several days ago as I left a meeting I desperately gave myself a personal search. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search of the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realised I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the car park.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen.

As I scanned the car park I came to a terrifying conclusion! His theory was right. The car park was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all.

"Hello my love", I stammered; I always call him "my love" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car and it has been stolen." There was a period of silence. I thought the call had disconnected, but then I heard his voice. He barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I haven't stolen your bloody car."

This is what they call "the Golden Years".

**A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY**

All-loving God,

we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict;

May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us

with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers

who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us still with their love.

Amen.

**A very happy Mother's Day to all the mums!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Are there any parishioners available to collect bread from Lakeside Bakery on a Wednesday at approx. 5pm and take it to the Salvation Army, Bald Hill Road? Please contact Sr Teresa 0437427301 if you are able to help

**PROPHETIC AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN:** This weekend we recognise Doctor Sister Mary Glowrey JMJ (26/6/1887 – 5/5/1957). Mary was born, the third of 9 children, in Birregurra, into a devout Catholic family where the Rosary was regularly prayed. When she was aged 5, the family moved to Watchem in the Mallee. At age 13 she won a scholarship to the South Melbourne College, then to the University of Melbourne. She graduated in medicine in 1910, then did her residency in New Zealand. She worked in Outpatients at St. Vincent's and also the Eye and Ear Hospital circa 1914-1916. She also had a practice in Collins St., Melbourne.

In 1916 Mary was elected President of the newly formed Catholic Women's Social Guild (now Catholic Women's League of Vic. and Wagga Wagga), which wished to change society through prayer and social action.

Mary determined to devote her life to the poor, especially women and children. She left Australia for India in 1920, where she joined the Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Guntur, to become Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart.

During 37 years in India, Mary founded the Catholic Health Care Association of India. She is believed to be the first Catholic religious sister to practise as a doctor. She always invoked the Holy Spirit when attempting anything. In the last 2 years of her life she suffered extreme pain and died on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1957 in Bangalore. In 2013, the Bishop of Guntur, India declared her Servant of God, the first step on the way to sainthood.

P.S. Thanks to the parishioner who contributed this story. Has anyone a story to share about a significant Catholic woman in your life, family, school or working years – in 100 words for the bulletin?

**ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL:** If you have any of the following: blankets, sleeping bags, beanies, warm scarves, gloves, or warm socks, preferably new ... or in good condition, could you please collect from your family and friends and drop it in the box placed in the foyer... .. We will be going on our street run to help the homeless... so please donate if you are able to ..... thank you. God bless you. Rochelle Pereira.

**TIME TO GO: An Ascension Reflection.** We all know what "time to go" means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we're entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour. Sooner or later, though, we're going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say that last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they're gone. For a moment, there's an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Elsie and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who have just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he'd spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it. And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us when we take leave of our loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence. They're not here but are hardly gone for good. You can't kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room.

**How do you keep Jesus close even when he may seem absent?**

Consider the Jesus-shaped place in your life. Is it big enough, profound enough, life-changing enough? Reflect on ways to expand it.

**On the Way to Mass ...**

How can you proclaim the Gospel to parts of creation other than human beings?

**On the Way Home from Mass ...**

Think about a story in the news that did not happen close by. How can you bring God's love to the situation from so far away?

**LITURGY MEETING:** The Liturgy Group will meet this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in the Parish Library. All welcome.

**FINANCE MATTERS:**

Last week PG \$2020.50 Loose \$773.65 House \$752.15  
This week PG \$1934.00 Loose \$772.80 House \$795.35

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	D Thomas C George	H Francis J Rodda T & N Andrews P Pereira
9am	A Penton A Minnus	S Resuggan P Maxfield M Pauguy G Prestt B Barker
10.30am	S Setu J Estrada	I Merrigan A Stowers H Yuke C Mayer D SweeFan
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	T Ridgeway H Staindl	T & F O'Gorman D Thomas L Garvey M Vandiemmen
9am	B Wiegerink T Lanigan	D Rowlands K Reimert C Martin N Ward A Penton
10.30	A Raos R Lappin	J White P Setu A Vanday S Setu J Estrada

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** 13/5 D Velten 20/5 N Boloski & T Naso

**WELCOME TABLE:**

12/13<sup>th</sup> May 6pm K Symons 9am A J Estrada 10.30 H O'Flynn

19/20<sup>th</sup> May 6pm S Dominic (am G Prestt 10.30 J Pauguy

**ROSARY STATUE:** 13/5 A Daniels 20/5 B Ekanayake

**CLEANING ROSTER:** 18/5<sup>th</sup> R & A Jayawardena

25/5 K Venn & H Aurish

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PAKENHAM**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**13<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**