



**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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Principal: Mick O'Brien  
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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am  
**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES**

Day	Date	Time
Monday	02/07	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	03/07	10am Mass
Wednesday	04/07	11.00 Mass at Shanagolden
Thursday	05/07	10.30am Mass at McGregor Gardens
Friday	06/07	10am Mass
Saturday	07/07	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6PM Vigil mass
Sunday	08/07	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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**+** We remember those who have died recently including Peggy Thornhill (Ireland) and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Anna Horvath, Pat O'Dea & Paul Carmody **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 Philomena Molloy, Vincenza Santo, Elizabeth Ware, Keith Brooks, David Gudgeon, Calvin Furnell, Richard Pereira, Val Battams, George Hilder, Lyn Hardidge. 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 is today, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2.45pm in the library

**INVITATION:** Paddy's Kitchen is an outreach of St Patrick's Parish that provides a FREE Roast Dinner to families in need or to those who are finding life difficult at the moment. NEXT serving is this weekend Sunday, commencing at 5.30pm with dinner served at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ALL WELCOME  
**The Next Meeting for volunteer helpers and organisers is at 7pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July to review and plan for the August meal.**

**CHURCH REFURBISHMENT PROJECT:** Last week I left Ron Jayawardena's name off the committee members list. Many apologies to Ron. So, committee members include Ron, Fr Bernard, Paul Velten, Mick O'Brien, Liz Merrigan, Freda O'Gorman, Herbie O'Flynn, and Georges Willems, the Diocese of Sale Facilities Manager. Our architect and artist hope to have some initial thoughts, sketches, ideas to us soon. Fr BB

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of August. For those children, attending schools other than our parish schools, who would like to receive this sacrament, please contact Siji Dominic @ 59417315 – or siji@stpatrikspakenham.com.au - soon to register. The four preparatory sessions begin on 18<sup>th</sup> July. It is expected that each child and a family member will attend each activity.

**NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY:**  
The Xavier Centre offers theological formation opportunities for lay persons, religious and clergy across Australia. Ranging from short courses, certificate and bachelor opportunities, (awards) postgraduate coursework programs, professional doctorates and research degrees, international study tours, and a wide range of tailored professional learning and in-service opportunities. Providing for multiple points of engagement, and across any variety of delivery modes, these opportunities directly support pastoral leaders, associates and planners, healthcare, educational and welfare professionals, leaders of Diocesan agencies and all who contribute to religious and parish life. Framed by an engagement with scripture, theology, spirituality, supervision and leadership, the Xavier Centre provides a context for individuals and communities to reflect on faith and service. For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/xaviercentre

**GODSTART GATHERING – WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU!!!:**  
The Godstart process helps us keep in touch with young families between Baptism and school. Come and see what we do. While we have a morning tea we prepare the Birthday cards for the following month. Where: Meeting room here at St. Patrick's, When: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Time: 10.30am.  
Contact: Jill on 0407 253 966 and/or jillsie1@live.com

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Members of the PPC are reminded of the monthly meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in the Library.

**CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING:** Thanks to the generous parishioners who vacuumed the church recently. For carpet in such a sad state, it came up well. Others might like to take a turn. And a friendly reminder too about us all keeping the church as tidy as possible: if you are not taking your bulletin home, then please return it to the table in the foyer. The most common things we pick up after Masses are bulletins and used tissues. Many hands are needed to make light work!! Thankyou

**A WINTER REFLECTION:** In May of 1940, winter shifted into spring. On the beaches of Dunkirk in France gathered some 350,000 British soldiers hoping against all hope of being rescued. Home was but only a channel crossing away. And yet, home could never have felt so far and unreachable. The Christopher Nolan movie captures in a visceral way the lived experience of the "so close but so far" perspective of each and every one of those soldiers.

This time of the year ushers us into the depths of winter. It is understandable that winter is perceived as a bleak and miserable time of the year. It doesn't have to be that way though. As it was for the soldiers on the beaches of Dunkirk, a winter of being disconnected from home gave way to a spring that brought "home" to them.

Winter can be a time that encourages us to stop, to take the time to ponder and reflect on what is really important. It makes sense that winter can heighten the importance of having a sense of home, of connection to place and people. Synonymous with the notion of home is the experience of family. Whatever shape and form family takes, at its very heart are the ensemble of relationships that bind and interconnect.

Atonement is an important concept in many faith traditions, particularly in Judaism and Christianity. If we break the word down, "at-one-ment" – it takes on a significance and meaning that perhaps is not at first glance apparent. At-one-ment: to be at one with our world, with each other and at one with our deepest self; is this not at the very heart of what it means to be truly and deeply human? At-one-ment is really about home, family, relationships, connection... it is about "life to the full." And at CatholicCare, we are especially attuned to the social structures and realities that rob people of their humanity, of their sense of home and connection to people and place.

Yes! Winter is a great time to stop and ponder that which is truly important. It is indeed a time to nourish the soul. Paul Zammit, Pastoral Services, Catholic Care

**CATHOLIC AGED CARE:** Deciding to move into an aged care home is an emotional, life-changing decision. Knowing your loved one is safe and well looked after is the most important consideration. If you want the security of knowing your family member's individual needs are cared for, Villa Maria Catholic Homes invite you to visit Shanagolden Aged Care Residence, Webster Way, Pakenham to meet their exceptional care staff and learn more about the fantastic lifestyle programs. Call now for your personal tour – 5945 3700.

**ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** Our next lunch is at the Pakenham Inn on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Please contact Kathy on 0418679616 or ksymons54@bigpond.com

**WINTER APPEAL – THANKYOU:** The 'Jesus Christ is Lord Ministry' (JCILM) would like to thank the St. Patrick's family for your overwhelming generosity to support the Annual Winter Appeal. We have over 20 collection points across Melbourne and while it was not a competition, I would like to mention that we collected the highest amount of donations in kind, from St. Patrick's parishioners.

We would like to inform you that we made packs of brand new items which included a blanket, gloves, 2 pairs of warm socks, a beanie and a sleeping bag. All pre-loved donations were distributed to refugees, hostels which have no heating systems etc... We do around 5/6 street runs over several weekends. We leave for the city in around 4 cars at 4 am. We met many beautiful people who were so grateful and joyful and taught us many lessons about life. There were some who refused a pack or a sleeping bag saying they had enough or there were others who directed us to those who were more in need.

We met one particular young teenager who was freezing without even a blanket and immediately opened the pack and began to feel the warmth of the blanket with tears streaming down her eyes in gratefulness. Another lady was shivering as she tried to warm herself with a thin sheet and was beside herself with happiness to receive the pack. We sang praise and worship songs with another man on the streets who was playing a guitar to warm himself....

We shared the love of Jesus with words and deeds, thanks to all your love and generosity. Assurance of continued prayers from the JCILM team.

God bless you and your families mightily! Rochelle Pereira

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** The RCIA process is an important part of parish life, working with people who are keen to find out more about God and the church: who we are, what we believe, how to get to know Jesus better in life. Many of these inquirers are baptized or welcomed into the church at Easter next year. The RCIA Team, candidates, their sponsors meet over several months starting often around July and August. The gatherings are marked by sharing, listening, learning, teaching, answering questions etc.

Are there any parishioners who you could suggest would be committed, happy member of a parish RCIA Team. I would be very interested to hear from you. Fr Bernard.

**PREPARING MINISTERS FOR THE GIVING OF COMMUNION:** On Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm, in the Library, a workshop will be held to prepare new ministers of Communion to take up this important ministry at the parish Masses. Any present Ministers who would like to come and freshen up their skills or thinking about this important work are very welcome to attend. The main qualification for this ministry, as I see it, is to be a regular receiver of the Eucharist, and prepared to share that gift with others.

**FROM BEYOND DREAMS TRAVELS:** Beyond Dreams Travels is excited to offer a great opportunity for church communities and their loved ones, to enjoy a fabulous pilgrimage for an unbeatable price. Their pilgrimages for 2019 include to Fatima, Lourdes and shrines of Spain, over 12 days; and to the Holy Land over 8 days: www.beyonddreamstravels.com.au

THIS WEEKEND	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	C George T Ridgeway	T & N Andrews D Dominic M Burhop R Ginting
9am	T Lanigan B Wiegerink	J Schalks M O'Brien P Velten M Dineen R Jayawardena
10.30	R Lappin A Raos	J White P Setu A Vanday S Setu J Estrada
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	H Staindl D Dominic	M Wiwczaruk W & B Vail D Thomas S Dominic
9am	G Thompson P Velten	S Resuggan p maxfield M Pauguy G Prestt B Barker
10.30am	F Fanchette J Beale	M Welliwatte Parma R Lappin M Hobbin J Mozina

**FINANCE MATTERS: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last week : PG \$2451.35 Loose \$365.20 House \$829.80  
This week PG \$1917.20 Loose \$734.65 House \$770.75

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation

**WELCOME TABLE:**

30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July 6pm Volunteers 9am B Hind 10.30 I Merrigan  
7/8<sup>th</sup> July 6pm Volunteer 9am G Prestt, 10.30am j pauguy

**ROSARY STATUE:** 1/7 J & J Spierings 6/7 New Roster available.

**CLEANING ROSTER:** 6/7 R & M Hau

13/7 W Damian & M. Sashanami

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** 1/7 J schalks & J White