



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.



We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Mary O'Brien & Cecelia Carmody

We pray for those who are sick including David Lively, Clyde Dias, Michael Bakker Philomena Molloy, Elizabeth Ware, David Gudgeon, George Hilder, Lyn Hardidge

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome Zedden Fraser and his parents Dennis & Zefora. *Receive the light of Christ. Parents and Godparents this light is entrusted to you to keep burning brightly* (Rite of Baptism). Next Baptism Preparation is this Sunday March 3rd at 2.45pm

SPEAKING ENGLISH: Conversational English classes at Catholic Care will be held every Friday during the school term from 10am to 12pm at 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham. Retired teachers and experienced volunteers are running the course. No fee. Enquiries to 1800 522 076.

DISCUSSION GROUPS IN LENT: Ash Wednesday is on March 6th this year, so beginning the season of Lent. We have a Lenten program called "Trust", for group discussions/ reflections during Lent. Parishioners are invited to join with a small group of friends and or neighbours and or parishioners, in any convenient venue, home, the parish centre, the coffee shop etc, to take part in this worthwhile way of preparing for Easter. Groups of 4 or 5 or 6 are advised. If you are interested to participate in a Lenten reflection group please contact the parish office or staff so the resources can be provided. Groups would likely start meeting the week of Ash Wednesday, or the following one.

WHY GO TO MASS ON SUNDAY? Why do I have to go to Mass on Sunday? For generations children have asked their parents this question. Today many adults ask it too. It is an old and a new question, for though Mass remains the same, Sunday has changed. Going to Mass on Sundays gives us an opportunity to hear the story of Jesus, and to share Christ's body and blood. It allows us to meet Christ within his community, to be with others whose faith makes a difference, and to find food for a life that can be counter-cultural.

ARE WE OBLIGED TO GO TO MASS ON SUNDAYS?: This question is like asking if we are obliged to eat. If we believe in Christ and want to live his way, it is natural to join his community at Mass. We need food for our lives. Pope John Paul II, following a long tradition, referred to the 'obligation' to go to Mass on Sundays, but concentrates on the meaning of Mass for Christians. It is certainly not helpful to speak of the obligation to go to Mass as something imposed on us from outside. This makes it appear as an individual duty, and takes attention away from the community. It encourages the individualism of our age.

DOES IT MATTER IF WE GO TO SUNDAY MASS ONLY OCCASIONALLY?: To take part in Mass regularly shows that our relationship with Christ in the community is part of our everyday lives. It is not for special occasions. Going to Mass less frequently makes our relationship with Jesus in his brothers and sisters a bit less central in our lives. But it is not to be despised, because it does keep us in touch with Christ.

ENCOURAGEMENT: We are usually more drawn to attend Mass if we find a welcome in the community. We feel welcomed when people listen to us, and help us see where God is drawing our hearts. Many of the young people who take part in the Eucharist first found themselves welcomed by Antioch, the Disciples of Jesus, and other youth groups.

We are also encouraged to go to Mass if the Church community is concerned with Christ's wounded brothers and sisters; the poor, asylum seekers and unemployed within our community. Nothing is more attractive than people who are fair dinkum about living their faith. Of course, there is more to the Church and to the Eucharist than friendship, hospitality, open conversation and passion to make the world more just. But when you find these things, it becomes much easier to follow Jesus' way within the Church community.

ST. PATRICK'S PLAYGROUP: Enrolments for playgroup are now open. So if you are looking for a welcoming, supportive and child friendly environment where your little ones can play and socialise, come and see if playgroup is for you. We have sessions running Monday - Thursday, from 9.30-11.30 am. Term 1 starts on Feb 4th. For more info: Christine on 0438364881

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 NEWS: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, of Perth, the Plenary Council 2020 president, said recently, it was hard to know how many people would grasp the opportunity to consider "what God is asking of us in Australia at this time". Through the end of 2018, the answer was "more than 40,000" – people who either shared their own story or took part in a gathering that led to a group submission.

With more than eight months having flown by, there is now just over one month for people to participate in this first phase of a three-year process that will continue to focus on listening, on dialogue, on discernment and, ultimately, on decision-making.

With most people now back at work and with schools having resumed, a number of communities are again making the Plenary Council a focus. Considering the exponential growth in submissions as the Listening and Dialogue process has continued, it is expected that there will be one final push towards the "finish line" on March 6.

From Lana Turvey Collins: Recently at Mass, the Gospel reading was the parable of the sower and the seeds. While I was listening, I reflected on my own life and thought about the times when my heart and mind was open and ready to receive, and other times when I had been closed.

The reality is that I have been both at different stages of my life. I realised that any person is not permanently "rich and fertile soil"; nor is anyone permanently "dry and barren ground". We change throughout our lives, we are shaped by our experiences and we can be nourished and nourish others and produce great fruits at different times. In this new year of 2019, I take the opportunity to thank every person who has taken the time to nourish those around you by sharing your stories of faith, of God in your life and of the Church. I believe the trust and vulnerability to share honestly with one another produces fruits in ourselves and in others. The humility to listen deeply and be shaped by the stories of others can open our hearts and minds and transform the world.

On behalf of the Plenary Council team, I wish you the very best in the year ahead. May God bless us all as we continue to listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Lana Turvey Collins is the National Director of Plenary Council 2020

CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP: The Children's Friendship Group meets at 5pm in the parish library. Dates are 23rd Feb, 9th March and 23rd March. A new initiative of the Children's Friendship Group will be a children's choir. Please register your interest at the Parish office (or with Sumy: 5940 0005). We are looking for young and vibrant singers, keyboard players or any instrument players. More details to follow

FROM KARDIA FORMATION: Kardia is a Greek word for Āheart or Āmind and encompasses both. Kardia is mentioned over 200 times in the New Testament scripture. It is a word which holds a breadth of personal meaning including: mind, soul, interiority or inner self, desire, intention. It refers to the place in which a person experiences him or herself as authentic and centered. Following are some of the services the Kardia Formation team offers:

Heart Wisdom for Teachers: Kardia Formation is offering teachers a day of reflection and gentle dialogue, designed to nurture personal identity, vocation and mission framed in the broad context of relationship with God. Thursday, 28th March, 2019, 10 am - 3.30 pm. **8 Day Silent Directed Retreat:** From the 14th-21st of November at the Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe. The silent directed retreat is a privileged time when we can tune out the noise and distractions of our regular routines in order to more intentionally focus on our relationship with God. We offer you a beautiful environment, silence and daily spiritual direction in which you can rest and reconnect to the source of life. It may also be possible to make a shorter retreat during this time.

Spiritual Direction: Have you been wondering about seeing a spiritual director or enquiring about what spiritual direction is? We welcome your enquiry and would be happy to meet with you to introduce you to spiritual direction and how it can support you. To find out more about any of the above, contact: enquiries@kardia.com.au Dr Bernadette Miles Ph.D and Dr Marlene Marburg Ph.D Kardia Formation, Hawthorn. Phone: 9818 4836 or visit www.kardia.com.au

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP: Prayer Group resumes on Friday 15th Feb We begin with Rosary 7.10 and end with supper. All Welcome

TO ALL OUR MUSICIANS AND SINGERS: The parish liturgy committee is organising a gathering of all our singers and musicians to enjoy some music and plan to strengthen this ministry in our parish. The date is Saturday Feb 23rd from 10.30am to Midday. Please bring instruments, music, and your ideas. New singers, players very welcome.

PADDY'S KITCHEN INVITATION: Paddy's Kitchen is an outreach of St Patrick's Parish that provides a FREE Dinner to families in need or to those who are finding life difficult at the moment. NEXT serving will be **Sunday 17th February 2019**, commencing at 5.30pm with dinner served at 6pm in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. ALL WELCOME

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	T Andrews J Parsons	P Pereria L Garvey M Vandiem T & F O'Gorman
9am	P Velten D Rowlands	R & A Jayawardena G Thompson J Schalks M O'Brien
10.30	R Pereira A Raos	M Hobbin R Lappin C Myer R O'Brien I Merrigan
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	A Mendis E Fernando	H Judd M Roche W & B Vail R Ginting
9am	H Francis A Minnus	C McCowan C Martin N Ward P Velten P Fernando
10.30	J Arul A Arul	A Parma M Pauguy P Setu W Wong P Swee Fan

FINANCE MATTERS: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

Last week PG \$1474.00 Loose \$764.50 House \$754.75
This week PG \$1623.00 Loose \$877.95 House \$806.65

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

WELCOME TABLE:

10/2 6pm K Symons 9am A Jayawardena 10.30 J Pauguy
17/2 6pm M Burhop 9am G Prestt 10.30 L O'Flynn
CHURCH CLEANING: 15/2 P Pereria & C. George
22/2 P Bare & C Faamausili
ROSARY STATUE: 10/2 J & J Spierings. 17/2 Larni Tan
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 10/2 D Velten & K Symons
17/2 N Boloski & C Smith

THE BIBLE ACCORDING TO KIDS:

- "When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta."
- "When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manger. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption. St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on his head."
- "Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, 'a man doth not live by sweat alone.'"

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St Francis Xavier College: 9707 3111
Principal Vince Feeney

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

Day	Date	Service
Monday	11/02	Communion Service 9.30am
Tuesday	12/02	9.30am Mass in the church
Wednesday	13/02	10.30am Mass at Millhaven (Please note change of day) 11am Mass at Shanagolden
Thursday	14/02	9.30am Mass at SFX, Officer Campus
Friday	15/02	9.30am Mass in the church
Saturday	16/02	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation 6PM Vigil mass
Sunday	17/02	9am & 10.30 Mass

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am or any time by arrangement with Father
MARY'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP: Saturday 10-10.30am
SHANAGOLDEN ROSARY GROUP: Email jane.parsons@vmch.com.au for prayer requests.
ST. PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP: Open before and after allweekend masses or by appointment Please contact Jessey 0406901318 or parish office
CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling services 1800522076 Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham
SEWING GROUP: Every Thursday from 11am-2.30pm in the parish library contact Cheryl 0417124811
EXERCISE GROUP: Every Thursday in the parish hall 10am Chair exercises available Contact Bev 59401890
ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP: Meets 7.10pm Contact Theo 59417413. Next meeting Feb 15th

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, PAKENHAM

10th. February, 2019.