



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 including Craig McNaughton and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Francis Perera, Maurice Fennell, Joseph (Don) Savy, Catherine Byrne, Frances Perera.

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

BAPTISMS: "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 Sunday April 7th at 2.45pm.

CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP: The Children's Friendship Group meets at 5pm in the parish library. Next meeting is 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

PADDY'S KITCHEN INVITATION: The next serving will be **Sunday 17th March, 2019**, commencing at 5.30pm with dinner served at 6pm in the Parish Hall. If any parishioner is able to help with a dessert for this meal could they please fill in the sheet in the foyer. All welcome.

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATION: Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 19th March in the Parish Library commencing at 11am. BYO lunch. Anyone interested in attending will be most welcome

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2019: **First Holy Communion** will be on the week ends of 25th May, 1st and 8th of June. **Confirmation:** 16th and 17th of August and **First Reconciliation** will be the 30th October. Check out our website for more information.



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413..

OUR PARISH, OUR RESPONSIBILITY, OUR FUTURE: This is the title of a talk to be given by Fr Elio Capra SDB, at St Michael's, Berwick on Tuesday (19/3) at 7:00pm. Fr Elio is a warm, entertaining speaker on important areas of church life. To book in online (so they know how many seats to put out!!!) go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au the code is '6d72u'; or call the parish office at St Michael's

ALTAR SERVERS: A session for prospective altar servers attracted 6 new volunteers to this important ministry in our parish. Others are still welcome to join in. Children who have completed their First Communion and would like to serve at Mass, are welcome to do so. Altar serving requires the support of the family to make sure the server is in good time for Mass. Please email or call the parish office if your child is interested to attend. Or simply turn up at the sacristy door before mass, as long as there is a trained server to lead you!!

FROM THE LITURGY COMMITTEE: We are keen to know which hymns you like to sing and if there is any new music you would like introduced. We started a survey last weekend and will continue it again this weekend. Please take the time to fill in the sheets in the foyer. 'Shout to the Lord' is the most popular hymn so far! After 'Shout to the Lord', the next most popular hymn was 'How Great Thou Art'. Suggestions for new music included 'Above All' which we have done during Holy Week in the past but could also sing throughout the Lenten season, and '10,000 Reasons' (Bless the Lord) which the youth group sang last year and again could be sung by everyone. If you check it out on You Tube, one version of the hymn has 154,649,299 hits so far!

Next Liturgy committee meeting Tuesday March 26th, 7.30pm. All with an interest in the liturgy of the parish are invited

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK: Choir practices for Holy Week and Easter will be held in the church 7.30pm to 9pm on Thursdays March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, and April 11th. Existing and new members are very welcome.

CAN YOU ASSIST US BY LEARNING TO USE THE DATA PROJECTOR?: We are in need of more people to learn how to use the data projector. Please leave your name at the parish office.

OUR NEW LITURGICAL MUSIC GROUPS: A new group has started in the parish made up of existing musicians and singers and others who also wish to be involved in providing music for weekend masses. In addition to our existing music groups we now have a Filipino choir, a Children's Friendship singing group and Youth group singers. More members are welcome.

The youth group sang last Saturday. The Children's Friendship Group will be singing and playing at the 6pm mass on Saturday March 23rd. The Filipino choir will be singing and playing at the 10.30am mass on Sunday March 24th. If you would like to join any of these musical groups, please contact Leonie McGinley or Liz Merrigan through the church.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday March 30th at 10.30am. The Liturgy Committee normally meets twice a term. At its February meeting it discussed the following issues:

We reviewed All Souls Day: There were at least 600 'card hearts' used for people to write names of the faithful departed on – wow! Attendance at the lovely cemetery service was about 50 people

We reviewed Remembrance Day: 6pm Mass had the Last Post, reciting of the Ode and appropriate music. Well received.

We reviewed the Christmas masses: Advent wreath and crib were excellent. Great to have the crib on the altar rather than in the foyer. Prayers at the Crib had about 30 people. Attendance at all Christmas masses was very good. The 6pm mass in particular was overflowing with shepherds and angel. Father Bernard coped very well despite losing his voice. Suggestion that his present to the parish was no sermon!

Following on from requests from new singers and musicians to be involved in weekend masses, a meeting was to be held with the formation of the new Liturgical Music group.

We discussed the **location of masses when building works commence on the church.** It is likely that masses will be moving into the hall for about a year by mid-year

Stations of the Cross: we are looking for groups to lead them throughout Lent.

Reconciliation for the parish – date to be announced in the future.

Holy Week: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (18/4): 7.30pm; altar of repose to be located in the hall; Good Friday (19/4): Stations of the Cross 10am; The Passion of Our Lord 3pm; April 20th: Easter Vigil 7pm; usual Sunday Masses.

Pilgrimage of the Cross and icon: these are in our parish for a week from Sunday May 19th. An event for the parish will be planned. The schools to might have a celebration. This is in preparation for the Sale Diocesan Assembly in September.

Conference on Church architecture: Liz Merrigan attended the conference and gave a detailed report on what was presented. One of the issues was what is suitable for a parish church as opposed to a cathedral. We also need to get a specialist out to advise on the acoustics

The new speakers and microphones in the church seem to be working well.

St Vincent de Paul 50th birthday celebrations Weekend of June 1st/2nd. St VdeP is a large part of parish life. What can we do to be part of the celebrations? Discuss at next meeting. Start thinking!

WELCOME TABLE:

17/3 6pm K Symons 9am G Prestt 10.30 L O'Flynn 24/3 6pm J Ruys 9am B Hinds 10.30 I Merrigan

CHURCH CLEANING: **NO FLOWERS DURING LENT** 22/3 R & A Jayawardena 29/3 R & M Hau

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 17/3 N Boloski L Roberts C Smith 24/3 F DeBona & A Jayawardena

CELEBRATING ST PATRICK: This prayer is known widely as "Morning Prayer," "St. Patrick's Breastplate," or "The Lorica." It's not known whether St. Patrick is actually the author or whether someone else wrote it years later and it was attributed to St. Patrick. But it is widely associated with him and his ministry

I arise today through the strength of heaven;

*Light of the sun, splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning, swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea, stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.*

*I arise today Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me, afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.*

*Christ shield me today against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

*I arise today, Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.*

A happy parish feast day to all readers of the bulletin!!

FINANCE MATTERS: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Last week: PG \$1592.00 Loose \$736.20 House \$611.05
This week: PG \$1828.70 Loose \$893.95 House: \$731.30

I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	T Ridgeway C George	P Pereira L Garvey M Vandiem T & F O'Gorman
9am	A Minnis A Penton	C McCowan C Martin N Ward P Velten P Fernando
10.30	L O'Flynn J Beale	AParma M Pauguy P Setu P SweeFan W Wong
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	T Andrews J Parsons	H Judd M Burhop M Wiwczaruk V Ukkru T Reimert
9am	T Lanigan B Wiegerink	M Dineen H & R Francis J White P Carlin
10.30	J Estrada A Raos	U Tiberi M Weliwatte C Faamausili A Stowers J Mozina

NEW ROSTERS: Will be due by the end of this month. If you would like to volunteer for any of our ministries or have any changes to your existing schedule, Please contact parish office.

Parish Priest: Fr Bernard Buckley
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Principal Helen Staindl
St Patrick's Primary School: 5940 2888
Principal Mick O'Brien
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	18/03	Communion Service 9.30am
Tuesday	19/03	9.30am Mass in the church
Wednesday	20/03	11am Mass at Shanagolden
Thursday	21/03	7pm Mass in the church
Friday	22/03	9.30am Mass in the church 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	23/03	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation 6PM Vigil mass
Sunday	24/03	9am & 10.30 Mass

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am or by arrangement
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 all weekend masses or by appointment
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 10am Chair exercises available Contact Bev 59401890
ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP: Meets 7.10pm Contact Theo 59417413. Next meeting March 15th
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: meets in the Prish library on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1.30 Help Line is 1300305330.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, PAKENHAM

17TH March, 2019.

17/3 N Boloski C Smith L Roberts

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