

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

18th April 2021

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O
Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at
once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Safeguarding

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

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. Contact Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling services 1800522076

Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets in the Parish library on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm
Help Line is 1300305330.

PADDY'S KITCHEN: 1ST AND 3RD Sundays of each month
Contact Sue 0409202903

Next Meal 18th April, 2021 Tonight

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope: \$ 760.00

Stewardship cash: \$496.60

Presbytery (2nd collection) \$500

If you would like to donate online:

St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations

Bank: National Australia Bank

BSB: 083-879

Account Number: 75 577 0740

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

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.

MASS BOOKINGS:

You don't need to book online for **weekday** Masses.

Register your Name at the door

You need to book for Weekend Masses through our parish website.

Weekday Mass Times

19/04	Monday	Communion Service Every Day 9.30am
20/04	Tuesday	"
21/04	Wednesday	"
22/04	Thursday	"
23/04	Friday	"
24/04	Saturday	9.30 am 6.00pm
25/04	Sunday	9.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Reconciliation Every Saturday 10.00am

Exposition and Rosary Saturday at 10.00am

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 3874

Parish Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Margaret Kelly, Raymonde Savy, Tom Velten, Antoinette Gordijn

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries : S.John Solomon, Padmini David. Demitrio Lim

Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

Vinnies Berwick Soup Van will now assist with food and food parcels every Thursday at the following locations. Please assist us by spreading the word! **NARRE WARREN STATION** – 6.10pm to 6.30pm **HAMPTON PARK SHOPS** – 7.00pm to 7.30pm **CRANBOURNE LYALL STREET BUS STOP** – 8.00pm to 8.30pm.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend Our **on-line weekend** gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. Next **On-line** weekend is on **30 April – 2 May 2021**. Next **Residential** weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021**. Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

Counsellor for Bushfire Response Program, CatholicCare East Gippsland

CatholicCare is seeking a qualified counsellor or psychologist to work in the bush fire affected region in East Gippsland. Full time or part-time, hours negotiable. It is an exciting role working with a small dedicated team within the wider CatholicCare Gippsland suite of services. For further information please phone Denise: 56221188 See CatholicCare Victoria's Careers page for full details www.ccam.org.au/careers

Parish Roster

TIME	READERS	SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6.00 pm	T Andrews D Dominic	A Jayawardena, J Parsons Roma O'Brien
9.00 am	J Rushel D D'Souza	C Martin M Cannon R Dias
10.30 am	J Samymathu T Kuru	M Domingo ,P Setu S Faamasuli
5.00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Next Week	READERS	SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6.00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
9.00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer
10.30 am	Volunteer	Volunteer
5.00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer

ST PATRICK'S SERVANT COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP:

invites you to *SAVE THESE DATES

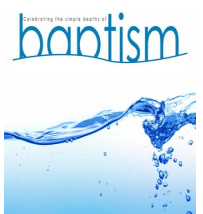
Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit like never before...

at the **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** (Diocese of Sale renewal seminar)

Dates April 22,29, May 6, 13, 22,27, June 19... at 7.30pm St Patrick's Church.

More details, please check the brochure on the parish notice board.

This weekend we welcome : Mateo Vargovic, Majella Solomon and Zayn Bower and their parents Igor and Ivana, Arthur and Mema & Aaron and Courtney



Parents who would like to have their child Baptised are required to attend a Baptism preparation session, the next one is on the 9th May in the parish library commencing at 2.45pm Please enrol through the parish website or contact Mary through the parish office.

Parish Events

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

Fr Janeesh and Fr Paul will be joining Bishop Greg and other clergy of the diocese in annual clergy retreat from 19-23 of April at Pallotti College, Milgrove. Please keep them in your valuable prayers. Liturgy of the word and communion will be held at 9.30 am in the church during weekdays. Mass returns on Saturday 9.30am.

FAITH THROUGH GIVING

We thank all the parishioners who contribute so generously to our parish on a regular basis. We encourage you to donate via electronic means if you are not already doing so. Tap and Pay at the foyer of the church is another way as well.

The **First Collection** (Planned giving envelopes and the collection after prayers of the faithful during weekend Masses) provides the income for all the running expenses of our parish - staff employment, insurance, church and office maintenance, liturgical supplies, utilities, and most importantly - parish ministries and services.

The **Second Collection** (Collection after communion) provides for the living expenses for Fr Janeesh and Fr Paul - their monthly stipend, household food expenses, utilities and house maintenance. This collection also contributes to a central fund which provides for the healthcare of priests and for the care and upkeep of retired priests.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return your Project Compassion Boxes of this year in the collection Box or leave it at the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

Our new financial year giving envelopes will soon be available. If you would like to join or leave the program can you please contact Mary 59417315 or email parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au. If you would like to change your giving or donate via direct debit or bankcard, please also see Mary for the form needed. Thank you for your past generosity and please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any queries. These figures allow us to budget for all church and parish needs.

PADDY'S KITCHEN:

To all our Facebook users please like and share our Paddy's Kitchen face book page. Spread the word to those in need. If there are any parishioners who would also like to join our volunteer team of helpers please Contact Herbie, 0419223631 or Sue 0409202903 .

Anyone in need is welcome to join us for a two course dinner. Doors open at 5.30 for a 6pm dinner.

Volunteers can offer to help by contacting the leaders who organise the rostering.

Sunday 18th April - Leader Sue aussiebobcathire@bigpond.com. 0409 202903

Sunday 2nd May - Leader John lfanchette@gmail.com. 0403 945831

Sunday 16th May - Leader Tresa tresaandrews@gmail.com. 0421 931888

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS - CHURCH CLEANING:

As our church services return to covid normal, we are asking for volunteers to join our church cleaning and flower roster, which involves ensuring the altar has flowers and the church is dusted and tidy for Sunday. Hopefully this would only involve a couple of turns a year (depending on number of volunteers) Please place your name and number on the roster sheets in the church foyer, or leave a message at the parish office 59417315.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Ghosts, meals and humanity

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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