

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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28th November, 2021

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity

The Word of the Lord .’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the

whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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: for more Info Contact Sue
0409202903 Dinner and dessert will be provided as
take away Sunday 28th November 3-4pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope: \$ 1568.90

Stewardship cash: \$762.20

Presbytery (2nd collection) \$551.05

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 or weekend Masses due to the easing of restrictions with regard to density and capacity of the area. However you need to be fully vaccinated to attend Weekend Masses.
Thank you for your understanding.

Weekday Mass Times

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| Monday | 9.30am |
| Tuesday | 6pm |
| Wednesday | 9.30am |
| Thursday | 9.30am |
| Friday | 9.30am |
| Saturday (Fully Vaccinated only) | 9.30 am 6.00pm |
| Sunday (Fully Vaccinated only) | 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 News & Events



**SYNOD 2021 -
2023 Let's Walk
Together!**

Companions on the Journey. Jesus wants us to walk together side by side. Of those in our Church, who do we walk with and who is forgotten? What about those outside the Church, who is not included or welcomed? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> or use the QR code



Leaflets are available at the foyer of the church to be part of the Synod 2021-2023 process.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUNDRAISING UPDATE



| BE A SPONSOR OF OUR CHURCH RENOVATION | Spon- sored already | Money Generated |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Bricks | 7 | 1750 |
| Pews Booked (approx. 50) | 10 | 15000 |
| Stations of The Cross (14) | 1 | 4000 |
| Gold Sponsor | 1 | 10000 |
| General donations | | 1730 |
| Sausage sizzle | | 478 |
| Community Lottery | | 2562 |
| Total | | 35520 |

The Fundraising brochures are available at the foyer of the church.

Your generosity is highly appreciated that builds our community.



Parish Roster

| TIME | READERS | SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6.00 pm | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 9.00 am | P & C Fernando | P Maxfield |
| 10.30 am | J Samymuthu J Arul | J George |
| 5.00 pm | R O'Brien W Joseph | R O'Brien |
| 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 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: David Lively, Claude Allas, Vivian Grenouille, Cathy McNulty, Maria Austin

Recently Deceased: Margot Kerby, Beth Morgan Virginia Mansueti Jean-Claude Friquin, Lynden Vaughn, Nelson & Gladys Kelly, Antonio Cincio

Anniversaries: Matt Cunningham , Mary Richmond John Thoppil, Stella

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

This weekend we welcome Ronald Abraham, Theia Warnakulasuriya and Velvet Liebenow and their parents, Radcliffe & Rebecca, Amith & Rose and Gavin & Perlie

Please email or contact Mary at the parish office to update your details, and a new date if your Baptism was postponed due to covid restrictions.



Parents who would like to have their child Baptised are required to attend a Baptism preparation session. The next one is **December 5th** via zoom commencing at 1pm . Please enrol through the parish website or contact Mary at the parish office 59417315

Parish News & Events



ST PAT'S FUNDRAISING INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, 12th December 2021

**After the 10.30 am Mass in the
Parish hall**

*We invite you to a gathering of
fun, food and friends*

As this is a Church Renovation fundraising event all contributions will provide extra funding for the sacred artworks. Donations can be made via cash or through tap and pay.

If you would like to support this event by bringing a plate to share or for more information, please contact Siji @ 59417315

Church Renovation Fundraising Team



On the day of International food festival, spot raffles, auctions will be conducted. Please bring some Gold coins to be part of this exciting event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: With the lifting of restrictions we are able to resume the volunteer roles of covid marshals, counting, cleaning, altar flowers, reading and special ministers of the eucharist. If you are able to volunteer for any of these important roles, could you please put your name and time available on the sheets in the foyer after mass. Even if you are currently a volunteer could you add your name so we can update our details. If you have any questions please see any of the parish staff for help. Thank you for volunteering.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS: this year St Vinnies are asking for donations of toys for the 7-9 age group, both boy and girls. Any money donations can be put in the St Vincent's "poor box" on the sacristy wall or handed in to parish office. The box for donations will be under the parish Christmas tree in the foyer., next weekend.

ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON CLUB We can have one more lunch this year. Wednesday 1st December 12noon at Drake Tavern. Hope you can come for a much need catch up. Everyone is welcome please ring or message Kathy on 0418679616. Remember that you need to be double vaxed.

SINGING PRACTICE FOR CAROLS & MIDNIGHT MASS Everyone is warmly invited to join in our singing practice for carols and choir for Midnight Mass. Singing practices will be held at 7.30 pm in the church, on Wednesday 15th and 22nd December. These will be the only practices before Christmas Eve, so please come along.

SINGERS AND HELPERS NEEDED Our 10.30am Sunday mass needs someone who is willing to operate the projector on a regular basis. It is quite simple to operate. Also, we are keen to have more singers at the 10.30am mass. We are very grateful to the singers who come up to sing, but some have moved on the numbers have dropped. It would be so joyful to hear more volume to lead the congregation. If you could help, please see Liz Merrigan after 10.30 mass or ring Liz on 0413 290 581.

Congratulations to Our First Holy Communicants

St Patrick's Parish
Community congratulates all
our 40 children and their
families who are receiving
their First Holy Communion
this weekend.



May the blessing of Christ be upon you always.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Coming of our Saviour*

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.