

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

28 January 2024

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's

affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND-RAISING

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the church foyer.



As at 25/01/2024	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	31	46,500.00	40,761.60
Stations of the cross	10	40,000.00	28,600.00
Bricks	54	13,750.00	14,152.40
Gold Sponsors	8	80,000.00	60,000.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		112,255.54	112,255.54
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		307,819.54	271,083.54

Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	9.30 am (Mass followed by Reconciliation and Exposition) and 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am & 10.30 & 5.00 pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection) \$1222.85 and cash: \$1093.20.95 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism) \$985.45 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

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Flower Arrangement Roster

This weekend: 27th/28th January Abing Balaba

Next Weekend: 3rd/4th February Katrina Venn

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

27th/28th Jan	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Menaka M	Tresa A Jane P
9.00am	Dot R Pat C Volunteer	Gladys A Cynthia B
10.30am	Sili F Ian M Chantal M	Joan S Chiara R
5.00pm	Volunteer	Nisha G Kimberley I
3rd/4th Feb	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Larry V	Volunteers
9.00am	Bernadette B Pat C Rose D	Ben W Mashenka W
10.30am	Christina & Sili F Volunteer	Jane E and Ivan C
5.00pm	Matthew F	Pam B Nisha G

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



Children's Liturgy
Every 2nd and 4th weekend

Will resume 2nd Week in February 2024

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 3874

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Angelina Lazaris, Nimal Ponweera, Samantha Banks, Naureen Norico, Joan Lewis, Margaret Gudgeon, Christian Dela Cruz, Bruce Moss, and Evie Minnis

Recently Deceased: Matthew Ward and Simon Gallon

Death Anniversaries: Cornelius (Neil) Watson and Lilian Perera

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

BAPTISM



Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Wednesday 7th February 2024 in the church at 6.00 pm. Please enrol through the parish website/contact Andrea at 5941 7315 in the parish office.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

PADDY'S KITCHEN: Serves dinner and dessert as take away every Sunday between 4-4.45pm. Contact Tresa Andrews or email on stpatrickspaddys@gmail.com

MARTHA AND MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Rosary at 10.00 am on Tuesdays followed by cuppa in the Hall.

LEGION OF MARY: Every Friday at 10.15 am. Contact Jilsa at 0450 070 262 or Winnie at 0422 179 999.

SERVANT COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Every Thursdays at 7.00 pm—Praise, Worship and Healing Mass on first Thursdays of the month. For details: Jean-Claude at 0410 126 415.

D'VINE KIDS: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Year 4-6 kids on 2nd Fridays of the month from 7—8.30 pm.

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: Years 7-12 3rd Friday of the month 7-8.45 pm

HEARTS ON FIRE- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Ages 18-40. For details contact the parish office on 5941 7315 or email heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

SERAPHS OF ST PAT'S MENS GROUP: Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m., we gather for music, fellowship, talks, and more. Additionally, our choir performs on the **first and third Sunday** of every month during the 5:00 p.m. mass. For further details, contact Dominic Thomas at 0425 742 254

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: Meets for lunch every first Wednesday of the month. Contact Kathy at 0418 679 616.

ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP: Open before and after weekend Masses or by appointment through the parish office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 1.30pm in the Parish—Help Line is 1300 305 330.

SEWING GROUP: Meets every Thursday at 10.00am Contact Cheryl through Parish office.

MARY'S INTERCESSORY MINISTRY: Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 10am interceding for families, our church, priests and the world. Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

CONTACT DETAILS OF VARIOUS SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Call 1800 Respect / 1800 737 732,

SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188

NO TO VIOLENCE: MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1 800 766 491 Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun: 9am-6pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1800 755 988

WAYS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION: 9703 0044, **Lifeline** 13 11 14, **BEYOND BLUE** 1300 22 4636

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au (Concerned adults can call for advice)



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Evil Spirits versus the Holy One of God

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups. 'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit. Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul. We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

Parish News & Events

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP : We're back for another year. February's lunch is at Cardinia Club on Wednesday, 7th February at 12:00 noon. It would be great to see some new faces joining us. If you can come and need a lift, please contact Kathy at 0418 679 616.

LAST YEAR'S PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: It's time to return the blessed palms and greenery from last year's Palm Sunday for use on Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the basket provided on the table in the foyer. Your contributions will be burned and incorporated into our Ash Wednesday rituals.

ASH WEDNESDAY (14 FEBRUARY 2024): Mass at 9.30am and 7.00pm will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday to begin the Holy Season of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Fridays during lent at 7.00pm in the church.

LENTEN REFLECTION: Every Tuesday during Lent in the Welcome room after the Tuesday evening Mass. **If any groups in the parish would like to convene a Lenten reflection programme any other time, we are happy to provide the resources.** Please contact the Parish Office.

COIN BOX DONATION: Most of our fundraising coin boxes have been returned. Please bring back your coin boxes when you are ready. We have raised **\$6,488.65** so far to update the security system in the parish.



PADDY'S KITCHEN is now registered with the Container Deposit Scheme. If you would like to make a donation to Paddy's Kitchen when you are recycling your containers then use this code **C2000009929** or scan the bar code.



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for the year 2024 is celebrated at 7.00pm on **Tuesday, 5th March and Wednesday, 6th March 2024**. Baptised children in year 3 or above and who are attending non-parish-based schools other than St Clare's Primary School and St Patrick's Primary School will be prepared through the Parish Sacramental program. Please enrol your children through the parish website or contact the parish office at 5941 7315. If you are unable to do so, a sign up sheet will be left in the foyer for enrolling your child for First Reconciliation. Use this QR code to enrol.



Preparation Sessions for First Reconciliation will be as follows:

Session 1: 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesday 14th Feb 24

Session 2: 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesday 21st Feb 24

Session 3: 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesday 28th Feb 24

Parent Workshop: 7.00pm on Thursday 29th Feb 24 (parents/guardians only).



ROSTERS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS: The new rosters have been uploaded on our website till the month of June 2024. You may find them under the heading "MINISTRIES". A hard copy can also be picked up from the foyer. **Please remember to use the back of your roster with the contact numbers provided , should you wish to swap a date you are rostered for.** Also if you haven't renewed or applied for a Working With Children Check (WWCC), please do so immediately.

MARY'S INTERCESSORY GROUP AND THE SERVANT COMMUNITY would like to invite you to pray the **1st FIVE SATURDAY'S devotion together as a parish for the intentions of our Church renovation**, protection and spiritual growth of our parish and families, reparation for the sins of blasphemy against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and other specific intentions. This powerful devotion consists in going for Confession, receiving Communion, reciting five decades of the Rosary and meditating for a quarter of an hour on the mysteries of the Rosary on the first Saturday of five consecutive months. Our Lady has assured us of her assistance at the hour of our death, with the graces we need for the salvation of our souls. **PLEASE JOIN US on Saturday the 3rd February 2024** beginning with Mass at 9.30am. For any clarification contact Rochelle 0401 017 752 or Melissa 0497 971 102.



*Happy
Australia Day*

**Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that
as the Cross shines in our southern
skies, so may Christ bring light to
our nation, to its people old and
new, and by saving grace, transform
our lives.
Amen**