

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

17 March 2024

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to
this hour.
Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION [See Page 3](#)



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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 FUNDRAISING

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



As at 29/02/2024	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	31	46,500.00	40,761.60
Stations of the cross	9	36,000.00	28,600.00
Bricks	54	13,750.00	14,152.40
Gold Sponsors	7	70,000.00	60,000.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		114,236.82	114,236.82
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		295,800.82	273,064.82

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 Palm Sunday

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection) \$1417.00 and cash: \$1382.30.00 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism) \$1142.30 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

No Flowers During Lent



Children's Liturgy

Every 2nd and 4th weekend

Kathy + Volunteer 16th Mar 6.00pm Sat

17th Mar 9.00am Sun—No Liturgy

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

16th/17th Mar	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Andrea J	Andrea M Trish A
9.00am	Chrismeen Primani Susira F	Derek D Jeanne H
10.30am	Marie H Marceline P Christine P	Volunteer Treshi K
5.00pm	Matilda A	Matthew F Liz S
23rd/24th Mar	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Winston V	Anna M, Jonathan M
9.00am	Jilsa G Cecilia M Pam M	Philomena L Ivan O
10.30am	Annette T Wanguui G Chiara R	Jane E Ivan C
5.00pm	Anne B	Tanvi G Pam B

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

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 3874

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Joyce Fox, Rodney D'Monte, Ben Wiegerink, Antonette Pauguy, Angelina Lazaris, , Christian Dela Cruz, & Evie Minnis

Recently Deceased: Naureen Norico & Wimal Selvadurai

Death Anniversaries: Joyce Fernando, Elizabeth Peter Solomon, Joseph (Don) Savy, Douglas Joseph, & Lionel Moss

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



BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Maverick Harwood, Goldie Korbay, Elijah Jennings and Lawrence Allous and parents Christopher Harwood & Chloë Gnaden, and Travis Korbay & Dannie-Elle Drew and David Jennings & Dana Bell and Fadi Jaber & Melinda Iramiyan.

Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Thursday 3 April, 2024 in the church at 6.00 pm. Please enrol through the parish website/contact Andrea at 5941 7315 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 on 0421 931 888 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 : All are welcome to join 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 3-6 kids from 7—8.30 pm **Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14th & July 12th**

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP : Years 7-12 from 7-8.45 pm — **Apr 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, Jun 7 & 21, Jul 5 & 19 and Aug 2 & 16th.**

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 10.00am 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)

CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling services 1800 522 076, Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We want to see Jesus

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response. This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response. And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground. Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life. We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

Parish News & Events



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ST PATRICK'S DAY with a BBQ after all the Masses this weekend.

NIGHT VIGIL - PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS: You are invited to begin Holy Week by spending some time with Jesus in prayer. The SERVANT COMMUNITY of St Patrick's Church welcomes you to a **NIGHT VIGIL**, which begins with Mass on the **23rd March 2024** at 6pm, and ends with Mass at 9 am on the 24th March 2024. **ALL ARE WELCOME** (see poster on notice board).

HOLY WEEK 2024 ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PAKENHAM

27 March 2024 - Wednesday
Tenebrae (Service of the Shadows) - 7.30 pm

28 March 2024 - Holy Thursday
The Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30 pm

29 March 2024 - Good Friday
Stations of the Cross - 10.00 am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3.00 pm

30 March 2024 - Saturday
Easter Vigil Mass - 7.30 pm

31 March 2024 - Easter Sunday
Easter Mass - 9.00 am and 10.30 am
(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

Saint Patrick's Prayer

Christ be with me.
Christ be beside me.
Christ be before me.
Christ be behind me.
Christ at my right hand.
Christ at my left hand.
Christ be with me everywhere I go.
Christ be my friend,
for ever and ever.
Amen

LENTEN REFLECTION: Every Tuesday during Lent in the Welcome room after the Tuesday 6.00 pm evening Mass.

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

TENEBRAE SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS AND GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY: If you would like to join in, rehearsals will be on Thursdays the 21st and 28th of March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm until Holy Week. Please contact Maria 0433 640 828 or Auxillia 0405 844 557.

LIKE TO TAKE THE STATUE OF OUR LADY HOME?: If you would like to take the statue of our lady home for a week, please write your name in the sheet that is in the foyer.

INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS: All people of the Diocese of Sale are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday 26th March at 11.00 am at St Mary's Cathedral 47 Foster Street Sale 3850 .

During the liturgy, Bishop Greg will bless the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese for the year.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
16 & 17 March**



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Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

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