

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

5 May 2024

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the

world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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 31/03/2024	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		115,964.12	115,964.12
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		297,528.12	274,792.12

Mass Times

Day	Time
Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
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): \$880.00 and cash: \$1485.95 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism): \$929.30
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

Rose Dias—4th May

Chani Rajapakshe 11th May

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

4th/5th May	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Andrea J	Braden P Andrea M
9.00am	Cecilia M Pam M Johanna S	Mashenka W Ben W
10.30am	Paisami S Volunteer Jane E	Chiara R Patricia C
5.00pm	Matthew F	Grace B Kevin M
11th/12th May	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00 pm	Marlene B	Jonthan M Joanne M
9.00am	Liz R Nicky W Gloria T	Jilsa G Caitlin L
10.30am	Sili F Christina F Maria Domingo	Jane E Anna R
5.00pm	Prakash D	Tanvi G Matthew F

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 3874

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Umberto Tibri, Maria Austin, Joso Kruljac, Francisco Ramos Piga, Mikaylah Piston, Katherine Davies, Sunandha Fernandez, Joseph Lozada, Benjamine Stalder, Sylvianne Surette, Diane Ding, Ben Wiegerink & Evie Minnis

Recently Deceased: Joyce Fox & Neville Cleur

Death Anniversaries: Cynthia Pinto Jayawardena, Anthony Rosario, & Arlene Pereira

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

BAPTISM

This week we welcome Kaizer Sanchez, Harlow Moten, Nulan Mudalige & Amira Dalla along with parents Juan Sanchez, & Kharina Milan, Daniel & Tamara Moten, Gayan Mudalige & Sahanya Arakularatne and Anthony & Marie Dalla

Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Wednesday 1 May 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.

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 **May 10, Jun 14th & July 12th**

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: Years 7-12 from 7-8.45 pm — **May 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.



Have you thought? - Love

by Greg Sunter

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What does it mean when Jesus tells his disciples to 'remain in my love'?
- Q. What role does Jesus play in linking God's love to the world?
- Q. Why is it significant that Jesus gave this message to his disciples at the Last Supper?
- Q. Is it possible to love others without having love for yourself?
- Q. Who do you find it difficult to feel compassionate love towards?

Parish News & Events

PRAY THE ROSARY: Legion of Mary St Patrick's Parish invites you to join us to pray the Rosary every Friday 10th, 17th, 24th at 7.00pm and Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th after the 6.00pm Mass during the Month of May followed by fellowship (Please bring a plate to share. The feast of the The Visitation of Mary (Walk with Mother Mary (Procession) followed by Mass on the 31st of May 2024 at 6.30pm.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - There is no room for violence of any form in life. Yet many in our communities experience the pain of physical violence, control, and manipulation. Pretending ignorance of, or even enabling, such violence is clearly wrong and cowardly. We pray that we and our community may stand for victim survivors of domestic violence. For information: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal> Jesus says, "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:9-17)

D'Vine Kids- Jun15:5
Primary years 3-6

FRIDAY MAY 10, 2024

Join us at 7.00pm in the church for a children's Rosary, then later in the school stadium for some fun, games and pizza!

Free Prayer Placemats

May is the month of Mary, the mother of Jesus!

Friday May 10, 7.00-8.30pm
St Patrick's Parish Pakenham
ALL CHILDREN TO BE SIGNED IN AND OUT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN
For more details contact the parish office on 59417315

JOURNEYING WITH MARY
Diocesan Day of Devotion to Mary

YOU ARE INVITED

9:15am	Mass
9:45am	Adoration
10:15am	Cuppa
10:30am	Presentation by Mike Hansen (St. Michael's Parish, Traralgon) Praying with Scripture and Icons
11:30am	Personal reflection and sharing - Who is Mary for me?
12:00pm	Midday Marial prayer
12:30pm	Lunch (BYO)
1:00pm	Rosary
1:30pm	Benediction
2:00pm	Close

DAY	TIME	PLACE
MAY 11TH	9:15AM - 2:00PM	Our Lady Help Of Christians Narre Warren

Children's Liturgy—Roster

Shingai & Jackie 5th May 9.00am Sun
Christine V & Lisa 5th May 10.30am Sun
Kathy S & Volunteer 14th Apr 6.00pm Sat
Donna and Volunteer 15th Apr 9.00am Sun
Ruth & Matt F -15th Apr 10.30 Sun

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS, AND SEMINARIANS

"Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."
- Pope Francis -

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PROCESS:

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, a new Consultation Process will be launched in all the parishes of the Diocese of Sale. Bishop Greg Bennet is inviting everyone to be part of a two-part consultation process of prayer, and attentive listening to each other, and the Holy Spirit, to get ideas on what pastoral initiatives are needed in our Diocese for it to be more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary. The first phase of the consultation will be to review what has been happening in our church and world since the last Diocesan Assembly in 2019. The second phase will ask everyone to look forward to what kind of initiatives we want to see implemented in our church community over the next five years. The feedback from these consultation meetings will be presented to a Diocesan Assembly in February 2025. We look forward to you sharing your ideas and stories! Be a part of it!!