

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

1 September 2024

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But

you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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.

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

CHURCH RENOVATION FUNDRAISING

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



As 30/08/2024	Sponsored	Pledged	Money
Pews	37	43,500.00	55,918.41
Stations of the cross	10	40,000.00	39,270.96
Bricks	61	15,500.00	15,809.32
Gold Sponsors	9	90,000.00	85,000.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		127,265.53	127,265.53
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		331,579.53	338,578.22

Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.30 am
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 & 5.00pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection): \$846.20 and cash: \$2284.05 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism): \$596.35
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

Children's Liturgy—Roster

Shingai & Approved Volunteer Sun 1st Sep 9.00am
Christine V & Approved Volunteer Sun 1st Sep 10.30am
Andrea J & Chandima Sat 7th Sep 6.00pm
Donna & Approved Volunteer Sun 8th Sep 9.00am
Ruth & Matt Sun 8th Sep 10.30pm



Flower Arrangement
Carmel Logan 31st Aug
Dot Rowlands 7th Sep

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

31stAug/1Sep	Special Ministers	Readers / POF	
6.00 pm	Larry V	Mele I	Tresa A
9.00am	Jilsa G Cecilia M Pam M	Philomena L	Ivan O
10.30am	Christina F Wangui G Volunteer	Ivan C	Jane E
5.00pm	Rose A	Chiara R	Pam B
7th/8th Sep	Special Ministers	Readers / POF	
6.00 pm	Marlene B	Kathlyn J	Mia W
9.00am	Pam M Johanna S Rick S	Gloria T	Gladys A
10.30am	Angela S Jane E Sili F	Christine P	Anna R
5.00pm	Matthew F	Niru F	Nisha G

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 3874

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Jaime Reyes, Mohan Thamburaj, Vince LaRocca, Reuben Jacob, John Close, Joseph Lozada, Brian O'Connor, Lan Prajno, Kevin Cavanagh, Claude Allas, Annette Tanner, Umberto Tiberi, & Evie Minnis.

Recently Deceased: Julie Boldero.

Death Anniversaries: Denis O'Mahony, Margarita Are, Mercia Wickramasinghe, Grace Selvadurai, & Walter Perumal.

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

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Harlow Moten, Adeline & Primrose Fleming along with parents Daniel Moten & Tamara Hunter and Jay Fleming & Shannon MacDonald

Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Wednesday 2 October 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 10.30 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 **Sep 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th & Dec 13th**

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: Years 7-12 from 7-8.45 pm — **Sep 6th & 20th, Oct 4th & 18th, Nov 1st & 15th & Dec 6th & 20th.**

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 Andrew Zacharias on 0468 366 820.

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.



*Happy
Father's
Day!*

Parish News & Events

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW ALTAR AND CHURCH: We extend our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to all our parishioners who supported us in making our church blessing a beautiful and memorable celebration. A special thanks to Fr Jithin Anto the Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to Liz Merrigan and our combined Choir and instrumentalists for their beautiful singing during the blessing ceremony. We are also grateful to Siji for assisting in preparing an elegant Consecration Mass Booklet with the Souvenir. We would like to acknowledge Henry, our Sacristan, Catherine and Jenny for the stunning floral arrangements, Joean for the beautiful cake and to everyone who helped during the ceremony, including our Altar servers, ministers for various rituals, ushers in the church and in the car park, and those who set up the hall. A special thanks to Sam Jay for managing the Audio-video setup during the ceremony. Our celebrations were made complete with a wonderful fellowship, and we extend our gratitude to Coordinator Nisha and her team, including Warren, Jane E, Liz S, Cordelia, Janett, Rochelle, Gloria, Chandima, Christine F, Abing, Melissa, Matt, Ruth, Winnie, Shingai, David, Dion, River, Kathy K, Rick and Jo and many parishioners who cooked food for the grand buffet from various cultures. Special thanks to 'Insight' Band for their live music, which added joy to our day and Sid Samuel Photography for covering the photos of the event. We also appreciate Carmel and Conrad Logan for decorating the Hall with beautiful decorations and balloons. Thanks to Andrea, Katrina, and Chiara (the Parish office team), who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly. Thanks to everyone who assisted us in many ways although their name are not mentioned. Your contributions made our day truly special, and we are deeply grateful. *Fr Janeesh*

NEW PARISH PRIEST FOR PAKENHAM PARISH: Bishop Greg has appointed Fr Jeff Kleynjans, the current Parish Priest of Berwick, as the new Parish Priest of Pakenham, effective from September 25th 2024. This transition comes as I prepare for returning to India for a Sabbatical year, which I shared with you all four weeks ago after Bishop Greg kindly approved my departure from the parish and the diocese. As I reflect on my nearly five wonderful years in Pakenham, I am deeply grateful for the generous support, care, and love you have shown me. We achieved many things together. Pakenham parish community has been a true blessing in my life, and I will carry these cherished memories. Thank you for being such an important part of my life's journey. *Fr Janeesh*

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: we had a great turnout for our lunch last month. Hope to see everyone and more at Railway Hotel, Main Street (near the station) on August 7th at 12.00 for our next lunch. If you would like to come contact Kathy 0418 679 616.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE

FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> and envelopes can be collected from the foyer. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Booking are closed. Please pray for our First Holy Communion Candidates as they continue to prepare for their sacrament on the 7th/8th and 14th/15th weekend.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PIETY SHOP: We need your help. Our Piety shop is in need of volunteers to keep it open after all masses on the weekend to help our parishioners to purchase items that may be of interest. Please contact the parish office. We are happy to place you on a roster.



A colorful poster for a Youth Musical Event. At the top, it says 'Presented by D'Vine Kids'. The main title is 'YOUTH MUSICAL EVENT FEATURING GEN BRYANT'. Below that, it says 'MUSIC WORKSHOP... SINGING YOUR PRAISES TO GOD!'. The event is at 'St Patrick's Parish, Pakenham' on 'FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13' at '6:45 PM'. A photo of a young woman playing a guitar is featured. Text at the bottom reads 'A great Christian Singer and Musician Years 3-6', 'DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM REGISTRATION FOR A 7:00PM START', and 'CONCLUDES WITH SUPPER AT 8:30 PM FREE EVENT'. There are small icons of a priest and a child at the bottom.