

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

8 September 2024

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah **Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James **James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

The word of the Lord.

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:23**

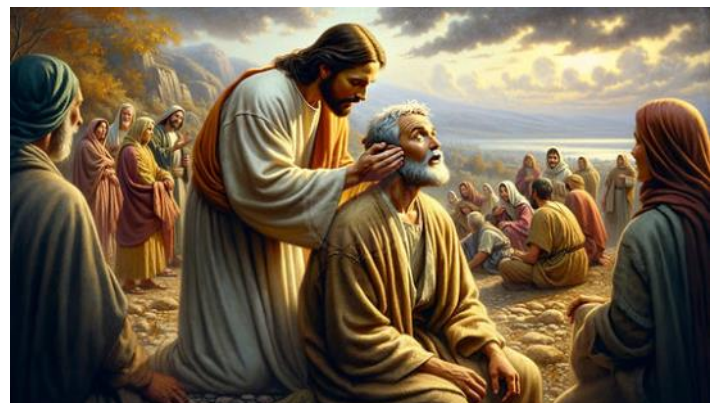
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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 Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	37	43,500.00	55,918.41
Stations of the	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

Day	Time
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): \$1140.00 and cash: \$1557.30 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism): \$1199.75
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

There will be no Children's Liturgy for weekends 7th & 8th, 14th and 15th and 21st and 22nd September 2024.



Flower Arrangement
Katrina Venn 7th Sep
Marlene Burhop 14th Sep

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

7th/8th Sep	Special Ministers	Readers / POF	
6.00 pm	Marlene B	FHC	Volunteer
9.00am	Pam M Johanna S Rick S	Gloria T	Gladys A
10.30am	Angela S Jane E Sili F	FHC	Anna R
5.00pm	Matthew F	Niru F	Nisha G
14th/15th Sep	Special Ministers	Readers / POF	
6.00 pm	Greg W	FHC	Rishen P
9.00am	Gloria T Maria W Bernadette B	Elda M	Nicky W
10.30am	Christine P Dot R Chantal M	FHC	Thabita S
5.00pm	Volunteer	Pam B	Rochelle P

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 8031

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Jaime Reyes, Mohan Thamburaj, Vince LaRocca, Reuben Jacob, Lan Prajno, Kevin Cavanagh, Claude Allas, Annette Tanner, Umberto Tiberi, & Evie Minnis.

Recently Deceased: Doreen Young, Evelien Roeke & Maria Louisa Ferrari.

Death Anniversaries: Johannes Reimert, Mirtha Peirone, Elizabeth Singham & Derek Smith.

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 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 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.



Gospel Focus – The things within

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

Questions for Adults

Q. Do you think Jesus and his disciples deliberately provoked this confrontation?

Q. Is the problem of honouring God 'only with lip-service' still a problem in today's Church?

Q. Does this teaching of Jesus challenge the notion that human beings are intrinsically good?

Q. Although 'evil things come from within' are there external things that 'feed' these vices?

Parish News & Events

FAREWELL TO FR JANEESH: An opportunity to say farewell to Fr Janeesh will be held in the Parish community hall after every Mass on his final weekend of 21/22 September. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Also, a gift of an A4 size Icon of 'Mary Mother of Tenderness' will be presented to Fr Janeesh on behalf of the Parish by the Parish Council at their meeting on 10th September. If you wish to donate to cover the cost of the Icon and to provide Fr Janeesh with some financial assistance as he proceeds on Sabbatical/Study Leave, please contact Andrea in the Parish Office on 5941 7315 or use the "tap and go machine" identified in the church foyer.

FROM THE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Child Safety Week 1-7 September 2024 continues to champion the message 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' by pursuing the theme of **"Every conversation matters"**. *Conversations between:*

...children and their caregivers matter (from the very earliest days)

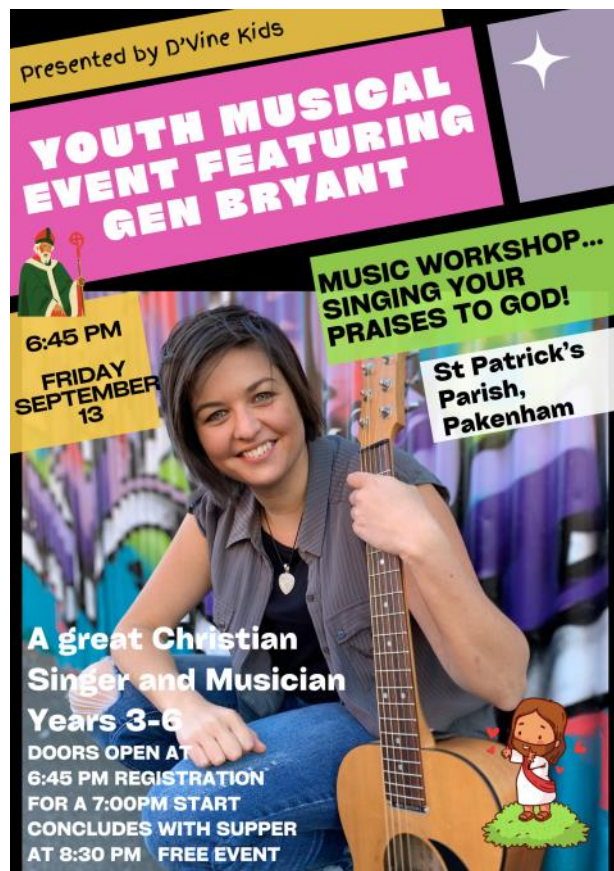
...children and their peers matter

...families with teachers, doctors, and other professionals matter

...friends and neighbours matter

...decision-makers and the communities they serve matter.

So, a call to action! Let's start a new conversation today.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST : 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.

We wholeheartedly welcome Fr Jeff into our parish community.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: Today we will have a special leaving collection for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our Diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. 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: Please pray for our First Holy Communion Candidates as they celebrate their sacrament this weekend and the next weekend during the 6.00 pm & 10.30 am Masses.

CONFIRMATION: If your child is in Grade 6 or above and has already received their sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion we invite you to enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacred event marks the next important milestone in their spiritual journey. Please join us in preparing your child for this special day. We will have mandatory preparation sessions for the children and parents. The first of the meetings is on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 4.30



pm. Please use this link Confirmation <https://stpatrickspakenham.com.au/confirmation/> or the QR code to register your child's participation for the preparation. We look forward to jointly preparing your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you require further information, please contact Chiara at the Parish office or directly via email at sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au. Once you have registered **you will not** receive reminder notices. You will need to save the dates and attend all the required classes.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MASS AT 3.00 PM ON SUNDAY THE 29 SEPTEMBER : "God walks with His people", is the title chosen by Pope Francis for his Message for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees The Holy Father reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. **St Michael's Parish** will host this wonderful occasion for all our cultures to celebrate the diversity within our Diocese. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, together with Fr Jeff, Fr Paul and priests and deacons from our Diocese, followed by a sit-down function in the Stadium.

