

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

5th/6th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
- Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's

grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

cf 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

REFLECTION See Page 3



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional custodians 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

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00 pm (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
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 am & 5.00pm (1st and 3rd)

OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection): \$2307.00 and

cash: \$1193.85 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$810.95

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 6th Oct 9.00am
Christine V & Approved Volunteer Sun 6th Oct 10.30am
Kathy S & Chandima Sat 12th Oct 6.00pm
Donna & Approved Volunteer Sun 13th Oct 9.00am
Ruth & Matt Sun 13th Oct 10.30am



Flower Arrangement
Abing Balaba 5th Oct
Huong Arancibia 12th Oct

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

5th/6th Oct	Special Ministers	Readers /POF
6.00 pm	Tresa A	John F Braden P
9.00am	Bernadette B Cecilia M Maria W	Jilsa G Alex Z
10.30am	Jane E Menaka M Chiara R	Ivan C Khate M
5.00pm	Anne B	Pam B Jessey A
12th/13th Oct	Special Ministers	Readers /POF
6.00 pm	Marlene B	Mele I Tresa A
9.00am	Rose D Pam M Nicky W	Caitlin L Claus Z
10.30am	Christine F Ian M Sili F	Jane E Chiara R
5.00pm	No Mass	No Mass

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 8031

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Reuben Jacob, Jaime Reyes, Mohan Thamburaj, Lan Prajno,

Kevin Cavanagh, Claude Allas, Annette Tanner, Umberto Tiberi & Evie Minnis.

Recently Deceased: Mark Cahill & Luz Bella Sison.

Death Anniversaries: Widley Clelie, Maureen Atkins, Laurie Hodgkisson, Vincent Peter, Antonio Bazar.

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 6 November 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 Thursday at 7.00 pm— Praise, Worship and Healing Mass on first Thursday 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 **Oct 11th, Nov 8th & Dec 13th**

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

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.



Historical Context – Writ of dismissal

by Greg Sunter

In Jewish tradition, a man could divorce his wife but a woman could not divorce her husband – she could only seek a court ruling to force her husband to divorce her. The grounds for divorce under biblical law were *ervat devar* – meaning 'some fault or indecency'. One legal tradition held that *ervat devar* applied exclusively to adultery while another applied it to anything that was 'offensive' to the husband. To divorce his wife, a man simply had to renounce his wife and ask a court to authorise a writ, or bill, of dismissal – his wife had no chance to challenge his decision.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why might the Pharisees have been trying to 'test' Jesus with their question about divorce?

Q. Why do you think the gospel writer followed the question about divorce with the teaching about children?

Q. What does it mean to welcome the kingdom of God?

Q. What characteristics of little children might Jesus be encouraging us to adopt?

Parish News & Events

CHANGE TO PARISH OFFICE WORKING HOURS:

With effect from next week the Parish office will remain **closed on Wednesdays**. New Parish Office working hours are as follows:

Monday & Tuesday – 9.00am – 3.00pm,

Wednesday – Closed,

Thursday & Friday – 9.00am – 3.00pm.

RCIA: There will be an open day for RCIA candidates and for those interested in becoming a Catholic. If you or someone you may know are keen to understand, why be a catholic, or what does it mean to be a catholic then please join us as we enlighten and kindle that flame. This will be held in the Hall on Saturday the 12th of October 2024 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be available. To our Parish community: If you are interested in being part of the teaching and testimonials, please email Chiara at sacraments@stpatrikspakenham.com.au and join us on the 12th. Candidates who are interested in becoming a catholic can also contact Chiara our Sacrament Co-ordinator through the Parish Office or via email at sacraments@stpatrikspakenham.com.au. You can also make an enquiry about becoming a catholic via this link. <https://stpatrikspakenham.com.au/rcia-2/>.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes for children attending non catholic schools have commenced our next session will be on Wednesday **9th of October 2024 at 5.00 pm**. The links with dates and times are on the website. Bookings to receive the Sacrament is filling up as well and we only have availability for the 3.00pm Mass. Please make sure the children are booked in as booking close on Wednesday 9th of October. This Thursday the 10th of October, there will be a mandatory parent workshop. This will be held in the welcome room at 7.00pm. Parents of all children receiving the sacrament of confirmation including the parents from St Patricks and St Clare's schools must attend. This is only for parents. **Children are not to attend.** Commitment Mass: This is on Saturday the 12th of October at 6.00 pm. All children receiving the sacrament are required to attend the commitment mass so the community can be part of your journey in the final days of your preparation.

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE YOUR SAY: D'Vine kids (yrs 3-6) meets on Friday 11 October from 7:00-8:30 and The Vine (yrs 7-12) meets on Friday 18/10 from 7:00 pm- 8:45 pm. While sessions will still involve our usual fun, food and faith there will be some time to become involved in the Diocesan Consultation Process. This is an exciting opportunity for our young parishioners to be involved through discussion and sharing. We are currently in phase 2 of the Diocesan Consultation and parents are encouraged to find out more by visiting the parish website or facebook page.

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE TWO: Your voice is important in shaping our Parish and Diocese and you are invited participate in the Diocesan Consultation Phase Two – 'Looking To The Next Five Years' is to listen to what pastoral priorities and actions the Holy Spirit is calling each of us, our parish communities and the whole Diocese to undertake, to give renewed life and purpose to our shared life and mission as Catholics. Your opinion matters and you are encouraged to attend any of the following scheduled sessions in the month of October. Thursday 17, 7.30 pm, Saturday 12, 7.15 pm - After Mass, Sunday 20, 9.45 am - After Mass, Sunday 20, 11.45 am - After Mass, Sunday 20, 5.45 pm - After Mass Friday 25, 7.00 pm. For more information you may contact Wangui Gaciabu at gacrose@gmail.com

ROSTERS FOR READING & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The new rosters have been uploaded on our website till the month of March 2025. You will find them under the tab "MINISTRIES". A hard copy is available in the foyer. **Please use the contact numbers on the back of the hard copy rosters to make any changes if you are unable to attend.** An active Working With Children Check (WWCC), is required. Please renew your card and ensure you are linked to our parish. Contact our office if you require assistance.

VICTORY IN CHRIST: Come and be part of Powerful experience as we learn the secret to winning with Christ everyday! - Organized by The Risen Lord Community: Tuesday 15 October - St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Cranbourne East at 7.30pm, Wednesday 16 October - St Michaels Catholic Church, Berwick at 7.30pm - **(Program in Sinhala)** Thursday 17 October - Sacred Heart Church, St Albans at 7.30pm. Weekend Retreat - Friday 18 October - 7.30pm to 9.30pm & Saturday 19 October - 1.30pm to 7pm St Scholastica's Primary School Hall - 348 Burwood high-way, Burwood.

Legion of Mary& Servant Community



Invites you to the October Rosary Devotion
Every Thursday At 7:00pm
Reflection on Mother Mary (By Priest)
Praise & Worship - Followed By Fellowship
(Please bring a plate to share)

Twilight Tours

Year 7 2026 Berwick & Officer Campuses

Tuesday 8 October:

Officer Campus
6.00pm-6.45pm: Twilight Tour
7.00pm-8.00pm: Information Evening

Wednesday 9 October:

Berwick Campus
6.00pm-6.45pm: Twilight Tour
7.00pm-8.00pm: Information Evening



St Francis Xavier College
Berwick, Officer and Beaconsfield

Register at www.sfx.vic.edu.au