

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C

21st & 22nd Dec 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

- (R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.
1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
 2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
 3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or

sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.



4th Sunday of Advent
Love

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 30/11/2024	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	37	43,500.00	56,363.40
Stations of the cross	10	40,000.00	39,570.96
Bricks	62	15,750.00	16,059.32
Gold Sponsors	9	90,000.00	87,500.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		130,659.68	130,659.68
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		335,223.68	345,467.36

Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00pm, 9.00pm Christmas Eve & 12.00 Midnight
Wednesday	9.00 am Christmas Day
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Sunday	9.00 am & 10.30 am

OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection): \$1070.00 and cash: \$1510.00 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$1341.70
If you would like to donate online:

St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations

Bank: National Australia Bank, BSB: 083-879

Children's Liturgy—Roster

Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2025



Flower Arrangement Roster Christmas Volunteers

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

21st/22nd Dec	Special Ministers	Readers /POF
6.00 pm	Andrea J	Braden P, Jeanette C
9.00am	Gloria T, Gladys A, Jilsa G	Jeanne H, Philomena L
10.30am	Jane E, Menaka M, Chiara R	Jonathan M, Dot R
5.00pm	No Mass	No Mass
28th/29th Dec	Special Ministers	Readers /POF
6.00 pm	Boruna V	Charlotte M, Braden P
9.00am	Liz R, Bernadette B, Ceceilia M	Phiomena L, Jeanne H
10.30am	Christine F, Ian M, Christine P	Redford L, Thabitha S
5.00pm	No Mass	No Mass

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 8031

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Matine Amoordon, Glen Williams, Iona Van Ranzow, Philomena Bowlen, John Close, Aileen Sweet, Mary Robinson, Umberto Tiberi

Recently Deceased: Valerie Wilson & Wendell Sladen

Death Anniversaries: Ron Resuggan, Denny Clancy, Doreen Augustine & Juliana Fernandes

“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 **Tuesday 4th February 2025** 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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS : Preparation classes every Wednesday in the church hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm **resumes Wednesday 29 January 2025**

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

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: Years 6-12 from 7-8.45 pm

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: Our choir performs on the **first Sunday at 5.00pm and third Saturday at 6.00pm**. Additionally Every Sunday at 6:00 pm, we gather for music, fellowship, talks, and more. For further details, contact Andrew Zachari as 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. **resumes Thursday 13th Feb 2025**

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

Life in the Womb

This little gospel story tells us that ‘the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaped’ and not merely leaped, but leaped ‘for joy’. Is this just poetic hyperbole? We know that beautiful music can have a wonderful effect on life in the womb. Good vibrations. Here, the presence of Jesus, being carried by Mary in her pregnancy, had a wonderful effect on the life carried by Elizabeth. Very good vibrations. From the moment of the conception of Jesus, good vibrations reverberated out to all human beings. The good news is that you and I and every human life ever conceived is visited by Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and we receive that visit as Original Blessing. There is a further and consoling truth. Every mother or father who has lost a baby too early needs to know that the same extraordinary sense of Our Lord’s presence was felt by your baby. That Divine Presence conferred a powerful Original Blessing on that little life within the womb, and that same Presence accompanied your baby into the everlasting embrace of Divine Love in Heaven. We could pause a moment to pray using the very words of Elizabeth, reciting:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners

Parish News & Events

CLOSURE OF PARISH OFFICE: The parish office will be closed for Christmas and New Year break from Friday 20th December 2024 to Monday 13th of January 2025. We will respond to enquiries sent to the parish office from Monday 13th of January 2025. Should you require a priest in an emergency contact the Presbytery on 5941 8031.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS: The members of the St Vincent De Paul Society Conference in Pakenham wish to thank Parishioners of St Patrick's for their support of our Hamper drive this year. We managed to distribute 105 hampers to needy families thanks to the donations of toys, vouchers and around \$1,500 as well as the volunteers who came on Monday and Tuesday to help assemble the food and toys and assisted with the collection and delivery of them. There are families who will have a happier Christmas thanks to your generosity.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

Eucharistic ministers & Altar servers please put your names down in the sign up sheets placed in the foyer.

SIMBANG GABI – 9 DAY NOVENA MASSES: All Masses will be at St Michael's church, except December 24, and are in English, all are warmly invited to join in and celebrate this Filipino Catholic tradition. Saturday December 21 7.30pm, Sunday December 22 7.30pm, Monday December 23 7.30pm, Tuesday December 24 6.00pm Stadium.

VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting

St Patrick's Church, Pakenham
Christmas Mass Times 2024

Christmas Eve
Tuesday 24th December
5.20 pm Carols & 6.00 pm Mass
8.20 pm Carols & 9.00 pm Mass
11.20 pm Carols & 12.00 (Midnight) Mass

Christmas Day
Wednesday 25th December
8.45 am Carols & 9.00 am Mass

New Year 2025
New Year's Eve
Tuesday 31st December 2024
7.00 pm Mass

New Year's Day
Wednesday 1st January 2025
9.00 am Mass


We wish you a Holy and Blessed Christmas!

over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. Hundreds of people have been injured and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to rise. This appeal will provide support to our partners who are ready to respond by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, Please **Donate today:** <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

FR JEFF'S Diary
(23rd-27th Dec)


Mon: Day Off
Tue: In Office
Wed: Christmas Day
Thu: Away
Fri: Away




CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Opening Celebration
to Launch
Pilgrims of Hope



St Mary's Cathedral
47-57 Foster Street, Sale

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2025
11AM - MASS
CELEBRANT: BISHOP GREG BENNETT
FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

*Awaiting
the Birth of
Christ*