

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C

7th & 8th Dec 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Baruch

5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



2nd Sunday of Advent
Peace

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 30/10/2024	Sponsored	Pledged	Money
Pews	37	43,500.00	56,215.37
Stations of the	10	40,000.00	39,470.96
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		129,747.21	129,747.21
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		334,311.21	344,306.86

Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	12.30pm Requiem Mass for Kathleen McAleer 6.00pm - No Mass
Wednesday	9.30 am
Thursday	9.30 am - No Mass 11.00 am Requiem Mass For Johannes Brouwer
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	9.30 am (Followed by Reconciliation and Exposition) and 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am & 5.00 pm

OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection): \$1600.00 and cash: \$1544.80 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$1085.35

If you would like to donate online:

St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations

Bank: National Australia Bank, BSB: 083-879

Children's Liturgy—Roster

Kathy S & Chandima Sat 7th Dec 6.00pm
Trent & Approved Volunteer Sun 8th Dec 9.00 am
Ruth & Matt Sun 8th Dec 10.30am
Christeen & Gladys Sun 15th Dec 9.00 am



Flower Arrangement
Abing Balaba 7th Dec
Cynthia Baxter 15th Dec

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

7th/8th Dec	Special Ministers	Readers /POF
6.00 pm	Tresa A	Andrea M, Kathlyn J
9.00am	Rick S, Eddie C, Primani F	Liz R, Gloria T
10.30am	Ian M, Christina F, Menaka M	Anna R, Jane E
5.00pm	No Mass	No Mass
14th/15th Dec	Special Ministers	Readers /POF
6.00 pm	Marlene B	Anna M, Rishen P
9.00am	Johanna S, Alex Z, Susira F	Derek D, Ivan O
10.30am	Menaka M, Jane E, Violeta O	Maria D, Treshi K
5.00pm	Liz R	Nisha G, Pam B

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 8031

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Glen Williams, Iona Van Ranzow, Philomena Bowlen, John Close, Aileen Sweet, Mary Robinson, Annette Tanner, Umberto Tiberi & Evie Minnis.

Recently Deceased: Ruby (Betty) Comerford, Kathleen McAleer Johannes Brouwer & Nikola Vukmirovic.

Death Anniversaries: Joseph Luka, Antonio Ciancio, Paul Leach, John Thoppil & Cordilia Bastiaensz

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

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Xavier Klaric, April Costanzo & Skye Gestano.

Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Tuesday 4th February 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

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

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 **Dec 13th** - Karaoke Night

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.

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

We are John the Baptists

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place. But we have to allow God to prepare *our* hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les misericors sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'. The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.

Parish News & Events

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: In preparation for Christmas, will be celebrated at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 17th of December after the 6.00 pm Mass. All are welcome!

FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH: Sheila's Favourite Recipe booklet which she has brought to functions over the years will be sold in the foyer for only \$5.

HANDCRAFTED OLIVE-WOOD ITEMS: with biblical themes will be offered for sale on December 14th & 15th. These items have been hand-crafted in Bethlehem, by Catholic families, and any purchase will not only help support the Catholic community in the Holy Land, but will improve their livelihood and also support the maintenance of the Holy sites.

CALL FOR PARISHIONERS TESTIMONY: Reaching out to parishioners, I am looking for people who are happy to share your faith journey as a catholic with our RCIA candidates. We meet on a weekly basis on a Wednesday from 7.00 pm. Next Wednesday the 11th December is our last meet and we re-start our journey on 29th January 2025. A 5 minute faith journey talk would be absolutely appreciated. If you feel you can help them on their journey, please contact Chiara at sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL LOCAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Thank you for last weekend's collection. Donations big and small are still been accepted. Envelopes are also available in the foyer. As with previous years, a Christmas Tree has been erected with tags showing items that are also needed in case you wish to donate this way. **Please bring items back within two weeks because our hampers and toys will be packed and collected on 16th & 17th December only.**



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!



D'VINE KIDS
YRS 3-6

Christmas
KARAOKE

DECEMBER
FRIDAY | 13 | 7:00-8:45pm

ST PATRICK'S PARISH CENTRE,
PAKENHAM
ALL CHILDREN TO BE SIGNED
IN AND OUT BY A
PARENT/GUARDIAN

NEW CHOIRS REQUIRED: Are you musically talented, we want you to be part of our choirs. You are welcome to form your own choir in fact we would love that. Come and share your talents with us. It is a double blessing to have music at our Mass. Please contact Chiara by 16 December 2024 on 5941 7315 or email sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: In 2025 Pope Francis has invited all followers of Christ to a year of Jubilee, a year of grace and conversion. A jubilee is held every 25 years or during other years as called by the Pope. You may recall in 2000 we celebrated the Great Jubilee and in 2015 the Holy Year of Mercy In our Diocese the Jubilee Committee has set a calendar providing opportunity for parishes and diocese to come together and to rejoice in the work of God in our lives. Each month we will be recognising ministries and charisms in our community. We invite all parishioners to an opening Mass at **St Mary's Cathedral on New Years day Wednesday 1st of January at 11.00 am** celebrated by Bishop Greg. Throughout the year we will have many opportunities to encourage, evangelise and affirm each other as Pilgrim of Hope. Don't let fear prevent us from committing to our Jubilee.

FR JEFF'S Diary
(9th-13th Dec)
Mon: Day Off
Tue: In Office
Wed: In Office
Thu: In Office
Fri: St Patrick's School Mass + Warragul

