

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C

29th & 30th March 2025

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## First Reading

From the book of Joshua - 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

From the Gospel according to Luke - 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Luke 15: 32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.



our stories,  
our church,  
our mission.  
*George & Leah*

**REFLECTION** See Page 3



# ST PATRICK'S PARISH

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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 28/02/2025	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	37	43,500.00	56,511.43
Stations of the cross	10	40,000.00	39,870.96
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		134,586.67	134,586.67
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		<b>339,150.67</b>	<b>349,842.38</b>

## Mass Times

Monday 31/03	Liturgy of the Word and Communion 9.30 am.
Tuesday 01/04	6.00 pm.
Wednesday 02/04	9.30 am.
Thursday 03/04	9.30 am.
Friday 04/04	9.00 am.
Saturday 05/04	9.30 am 10.00 am Exposition & Reconciliation 10.45 am Benediction 6.00 pm.
Sunday 06/04	9.00 am. & 10.30 am & 5.00pm.

## Children's Liturgy

Andrea & Chandima Sat 12th Apr 6.00pm  
Shingai & Christine Sun 13th Apr 10.30am  
Ruth & Matt Sun 13th Apr 10.30am  
Christeen & Gladys Sun 20th Apr @9.00am  
Rebecca & Madison Sun 20th Apr @ 10.30am



## Flower Arrangement Roster No Flowers during Lent

## SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

29th/30th Mar	Special Ministers	Readers/POTF
6.00pm	Tresa A	John F Jeanette C
9.00am	Primani F, Bernadette B Jilsa G	Jeanne H Ben W
10.30am	Chrstine P, Ian M Wangui G Chantal M	Jane E Chiara R
5.00pm	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
5th/6th Apr	Special Ministers	Readers/POTF
6.00pm	Marlene B	Jonathan M, Tresa A
9.00am	Cecilia M, Pam M Rick S	Chrismeen F, Primani F
10.30am	Chiara R, Angela S, Dot R Jane E	Treshi K, Khate M
5.00pm	Anne B	Pam B, Joean S

# Parish News & Events

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Margeret Gudgeon, Annette Tanner, Fr Peter Slater, Angelo D'Souza, Lynette Henricus, Janice Dias, Philomena Bowlen and Umberto Tiberi.

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**Death Anniversaries:** Mato Conjar, George Haifey, Ursula Hanger, Jacqueline & Serge Anthony, Con Spierings, Oswind Rebeiro, Irene & Carlton Clancy.

*"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.

Our next session is at 7.00pm, Wednesday April 2nd, in the Welcome room.

Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.



## 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](mailto: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:** The Vine is taking a break while we look at redeveloping our program. Please pray for this process as we endeavour to support the youth of our parish in their faith journey.

**HEARTS ON FIRE- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Ages 18-40. For details contact the parish office on 5941 7315 or email [heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto: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 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. **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](http://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

## Truth and Reconciliation

For Jews, pigs are ritually unclean, so that living in a pig sty would make this young man unapproachable. So, imagine the reaction of his Jewish audience when Jesus told the story of the father running to his son and embracing him still stinking of the pig sty, exclaiming, 'You were lost and now you are found.' That is Jesus' portrayal of his heavenly Father's relationship with us.

Of course, sometimes we are the older brother, resentful that someone seems to have had too easy a time of God's forgiveness. Is this the attitude of many who challenge the emphasis by Pope Francis on Mercy as the core of God's relationship with us? More often, we are like the younger brother who has strayed to a far off place, sometimes quite deliberately.

We could resolve to approach the Sacrament of Mercy during Lent, knowing that our heavenly Father will run towards us, embracing us, exclaiming, 'You were lost but now you are found.' That is worth a celebration!



# Parish News & Events

**COMMUNION MINISTERS NEW AND EXISTING:** On Sunday April 6, after 6.00pm Mass at St Michael's Berwick, there will be a training for ministers who serve at Mass or visit the sick. The training will be offered again on **Tuesday April 15 at 7.00pm** here at St Patrick's Pakenham if you are unable to attend the first one. Please fill in the attendance form left in the foyer or call the Parish Office to register. **All Communion Ministers are required to attend.**

**SERVANT COMMUNITY HEALING MASS:** Thursday the 3rd of April 2025 at 7.30pm.

**ROSTERS FOR READING & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** New rosters have been uploaded on the website, and hard copies left in the foyer, please don't forget to collect yours.

**ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** we had a great lunch last month. April's lunch will be at Castello's Cardinia Hotel on 2nd April at 12.30 pm. It will be great to see some new faces. Message Kathy 0418 679 616 or, if you feel inclined, you can come on the day.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:** A combined choir will be singing on Holy Thursday, and at the Easter Vigil services. Practices from 7.30pm, Wednesday April 2nd & 9th. All are welcome, including new singers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent.

**LENTEN REFLECTION:** Every Tuesday at 5pm, until **April 15**, for about 45 mins. All are welcome to attend, resources provided. Hope to see you there.

**HOLY WEEK - TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS & GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY:** Rehearsals for the play are on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. God Bless.

**HOLY WATER:** The reason behind the current lack of Holy Water, is two-fold. The first is that we in the season of Lent and have entered the desert wilderness, with Jesus. Having no Holy Water is a good reminder of the penitential nature of this season. The second is that the sump, through which the water reticulates, had become somewhat murky, so Lent is an ideal time to clean and refresh the system. New water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil on April 19.

**JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS:** As part of the Jubilee celebrations, St. John the Baptist parish, Koo Wee Rup invites you to join in the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers special Healing Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Greg, where prayers will be offered for the sick members of our parish communities and their families. Date: Sunday, April 6, 2025 Venue: St. John the Baptist Parish, Koo Wee Rup Time: 11:00 AM This Mass will be a moment of grace and healing, where we will lift in prayer those who are ill and acknowledge the dedication of healthcare workers who serve with compassion and care.

We encourage all healthcare workers to attend in their uniforms as a sign of their vocation and the institutions they represent. Submit Prayer Intentions: We invite parishioners to send the names of sick individuals they wish to be prayed for during the Mass. Please send these names to Fr. Avinash George at [avinash.george@cdsale.org.au](mailto:avinash.george@cdsale.org.au). Let us come together as a faith community to pray for healing, strength, and God's abundant blessings in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

**INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS:** This ancient and symbolically rich liturgy manifests the unity of the priests of the Diocese with Bishop Greg as they renew their priestly promises. During the liturgy, Bishop Greg will bless the three Holy Oils - Catechumens, Sick and Holy Chrism, which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese this year. The Chrism Mass is a great way to come to a deeper appreciation of the sacramental life of the Church. 11.00am Tuesday 15th April St Mary's Cathedral, 47 Foster St, Sale, 3850.

**CARITAS:** Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

**Fr Jeff's Diary  
31Mar-Apr04**  
Mon: Away  
Tue: Office  
Wed: Office  
Thu: Office  
Fri: Warragul

**HOLY WEEK 2025**  
ST PATRICK'S PARISH, PAKENHAM

16 April 2025 - (Service of the Shadows)  
Tenebrae - 7.00pm

17 April 2025 - Holy Thursday  
The Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm

18 April 2025 - Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross - 10.00am  
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3.00pm

19 April 2025 - Easter Vigil Mass - 7.00pm

20 April 2025 - Easter Sunday  
9.00am and 10.30am  
(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

