

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C

10th & 11th May 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

From the book of the Apocalypse

7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than
anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



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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.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the



As 31/03/2025	Sponsored	Pledged	Money
Pews	37	43,500.00	56,511.43
Stations of the cross	10	40,000.00	39,970.96
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		136,022.27	136,022.27
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		340,586.27	351,377.98

Mass Times

Monday 12/05	Liturgy of the Word and Communion 9.30 am.
Tuesday 13/05	Liturgy of the Word and Communion 6.00 pm.
Wednesday 14/05	Liturgy of the Word and Communion 9.30 am.
Thursday 15/05	Liturgy of the Word and Communion 9.30 am
Friday 16/05	Liturgy of the Word and Communion 9.30 am
Saturday 17/05	9.30 am 10.00 am Exposition & Reconciliation 10.45 am Benediction 11.15am Baptisms 6.00 pm.
Sunday 18/05	9.00 am, 10.30 am & 5.00pm

Children's Liturgy

Kathy & Chandima Sat 10th May 6.00pm
Ruth & Matt Sun 11th May 10.30am
Christeen & Gladys May 18th @9.00am
Rebecca & Madison May 18th @ 10.30am



Flower Arrangement Roster
Dot R 10th May /Marlene B 17th May

SAFEGUARDING: Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

11th/12th May	Special Ministers	Readers/POTF
6.00pm	Mary Jo D, Jennifer D, Andrea J	Andrea M, Joanne M
9.00am	Cecilia M, Pam M, Rick S Rose D, Bernadette B	Nicky W, Fiorella D
10.30am	Christine & Sili F, Ian M, Wangui G, Angela S, Christine P	Damian A, Jane E
5.00pm	No Mass	No Mass
17th/18th May	Special Ministers	Readers/POTF
6.00pm	Larry V, Winston V, Boruna V	Jonathan M, John F
9.00am	Johanna S, Gloria T, Maria W, Chrismeen & Primani F	Claus Z, Jilsa G
10.30am	Chiara R, Wanguii G, Ruth F, Angela S, Chantal M, Violeta O	Abinav C, Treshi K
5.00pm	Anne B, Liz S, Volunteer	Nisha G, Joean S

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 8031

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Fr Peter Slater, Joso Kruljac Maria Austin, Saviour Grech, Margeret Gudgeon, Angelo D'Souza, Lynette Henricus, Philomena Bowlen & Umberto Tiberi.

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Anthony Rosario, Dexter Martin, Ferdinand Ravina, Renato de Guzman, Marie Rao, Merlyn Jasper & Neville Moreira.

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

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Callen Fernando, Devin & Kevin Rodrigo, Oakley McConville, Ricardo Lanza & Thomas Spoljaric.



Parents who would like to have their children Baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. Our next session is at 7.00pm, Wednesday June 4th, 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.

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 Jilisa 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

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 (Concerned adults can call for advice)

CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling services 1800 522 076, Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Voice Followers

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

Parish News & Events



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: To all our Mother's and mother-figures.

CLOSURE OF PARISH OFFICE: The parish office will be closed on Monday the 12th of May with staff attending the funeral of Mr Bill Kleynjans, (Fr Jeff's father) at St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. Starting with Rosary at 11.00am, Requiem Mass at 11.30am followed by the burial at Cranbourne cemetery.

ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT: Fr Jeff will be attending the Sale Diocese Clergy Retreat this week at Pallotti College Millgrove, from the eve of Monday 12th to Friday 16th May. Please keep Fr Jeff and all the clergy in your prayers. No weekday Masses will not be celebrated here during this time.

BURSARY FUND: There will be a special collection after all Masses next weekend, to support the education of Seminarians.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Students in Year 6 or above who have received First Eucharist are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents, if you would like your child to receive the Sacrament this year, please note the

**Fr Jeff's Diary
May 12-16**
Mon: Away
Tue: Retreat
Wed: Retreat
Thu: Retreat
Fri: Retreat

following dates, **Tuesday 13th: & Friday 16th May: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Tuesday 20th May: 6.30pm - 7.30pm**, as you will need to enrol your child **at the Parish office** during one of the above times. Upon enrolment, you will receive paperwork to complete along with further information and instructions. A fee of \$20 will cover all associated costs. Forms, Prayer cards and Certificates will be returned at the Commitment Masses on the 14th and 15th of June. For Children not attending St Clare's or St Patrick's, preparation classes will be held on Tuesday 29th, July, 5th, 12th, 19th August, at 5.00pm.

RCIC: Children aged between 10-14 years who wish to become Catholic are invited to join the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children program, commencing on Tuesday 3rd of June at 5.00pm, and running over the following 6-weeks. For those interested, please email: sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION, FR PETER SLATER: Will be celebrated here at St Patrick's, with Mass at 11am on Thursday 29th May 2025. Parishioners are cordially invited to celebrate with him on the day. Please keep Fr Peter in your prayers.

WALK WITH MOTHER MARY: We would greatly appreciate your support through monetary donations to help purchase flowers and intention cards, which will be available in the foyer should you wish to complete one. See flyer for more details.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS: Sunday 1st of June, 2.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA 2025. Our neophytes with their Sponsors and the RCIA team will be attending. Parishioners, families and friends are also welcome to join. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD: Has recommenced in our parish. If you would like to receive from the chalice, please line up and stand as close as you can to the left hand side of the aisle, allowing those not receiving to more easily return to their seats.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF): Is a national gathering of young Catholics established by the Australian Catholics Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and be empowered to live their faith in the world, and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. The Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to host ACYF from 30 November-2 December 2025, and is looking forward to welcoming all young people to Melbourne.

Some financial assistance is available to assist with costs for those interested in attending. Please contact the parish office.

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL: Donation envelopes are still available in the church foyer for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES: Please don't forget to return your boxes and envelopes **by next week**.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Meditation is an ancient form of prayer which aims is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Groups will be held at the St Michael's, Berwick Parish Support Centre from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Tuesday 20 May	What is Christian Meditation?	Tuesday 27 May	John Main's Guidance and Rediscovery
Tuesday 03 June	The Roots of our Tradition	Tuesday 10 June	The Wheel of Prayer
Tuesday 17 June	Leaving Self Behind	Tuesday 24 June	The Fruits of Meditation

All welcome to try this form of prayer, free admission. To book: secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au or call the Parish Support Centre on 9707 1355.

JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS DURING MAY: St Agatha's Cranbourne, Sunday 18th May for Elderly, Widows, Widowers & Single Parents, Mass at 10.45am followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall. & Saturday 31st May, Mass at 11.00am for 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrations, followed by a Family Fun Day in the St Agatha's Parish grounds. For more information visit:

<https://www.stagathas.org.au/news-and-events.html>