

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year C

31st May/1st June 2025

## Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## First Reading

### From the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but through out Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

## Second Reading

### From the letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28. 10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made

sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

## The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

### From the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.' And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

## The Gospel of the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia. listen to him.





# 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.

## CHURCH RENOVATION FUNDRAISING

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



As 31/03/2025	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	37	43,500.00	56,511.43
Stations of the	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, plants etc		136,022.27	136,022.27
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		<b>340,586.27</b>	<b>351,377.98</b>

## Mass Times

<b>Monday 2/6</b>	<b>No Mass</b> [Liturgy of the Word and Communion] 9.30 am.
<b>Tuesday 3/6</b>	6.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 4/6</b>	9.30 am
<b>Thursday 5/6</b>	9.30 am [Year 5's St Clare's]
<b>Friday 6/6</b>	9.30 am
<b>Saturday 7/6</b>	9.30 am 10.00 am Exposition & Reconciliation 10.45 am Benediction 11.15 am Baptisms 6.00 pm
<b>Sunday 9/6</b>	9.00 am 10.30 am

## Children's Liturgy

Andrea & Chandima Sat 7th June 6.00pm  
Ruth & Matt Sun 8th June 10.30am  
Christeen & Gladys Feb 16th @ 9.00am  
Rebecca & Madison Feb 16th @ 10.30am



## Flower Arrangement Roster

**Chani Rajapakshe 31st May/Abing Balaba 7th June**

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

## Extraordinary Ministers and Readers Roster

31st May/ 1st June	Extraordinary Ministers	Readers/POTF
6.00pm	Marlene B, Larry V, Menaka M	Donna V, Niru F
9.00am	Bernadette B Rose D, Chrismeen F, Pam M, Rick S	Caitlin L, Alex Z
10.30am	Chiara R, Christina & Sili F, Jane E, Ian M, Christine P	Janett D, Redford L
5.00pm	Matt F, Volunteer, Anne B	Tanvi G, Lawrismin G
7th/8th June	Extraordinary Ministers	Readers/POTF
6.00pm	Tresa A, Greg W, Jennifer D	Rishen P, Charlotte M
9.00am	Primani F, Cecilia M, Jilsa G, Johanna S, Gloria T	Ben W, Caitlin L
10.30am	Ian M, Wanguii G, Angela S Dot R, Ruth F, Chantal M	Chenita A, 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:** Margaret Holland, Fr Peter Slater, Chris Bailey, Joso Kruljac, Margaret Gudgeon, Angelo D'Souza, Lynette Henricus, Philomena Bowlen & Umberto Tiberi.  
**Recently Deceased:**  
**Death Anniversaries:** Antony Mendis & Damien Foong.

*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 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 CHILDREN:** Aged between 10-14 years. Preparation classes on June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st and 22nd at 5.00pm

**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 on June 13, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10 and Nov 14 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.



## Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.



# Parish News & Events

## SACRAMENT INFORMATION 2025

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Enrolments for children in Year 4 and above will be open from Tuesday 10 June 2025 10.00am to Tuesday 17 June 2025 5.00pm. Booking links are now available on the parish website. Bookings for orientation and enrolment are advertised on our website and QR Codes are displayed in the foyer.

**CONFIRMATION:** For Children not attending St Clare's or St Patrick's, preparation classes for Confirmation will be on Tuesday July 29th, August 5th, 12th, & 19th, at 5.00pm.

**RCIC:** Children aged between 10-14 years who wish to become Catholic are invited to join the RCIC: *Rite of Christian Initiation for Children* program, commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June at 5.00pm, and running over the following 6 weeks. All those interested, please email: [sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**MARY'S INTERCESSORY GROUP:** Invite you to pray the devotion of the **FIRST FIVE**

**SATURDAY'S** together as a parish, starting with Mass at 9.30am, This powerful devotion consists in receiving Holy Communion, reciting five decades of the Rosary, going to Confession and meditating for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

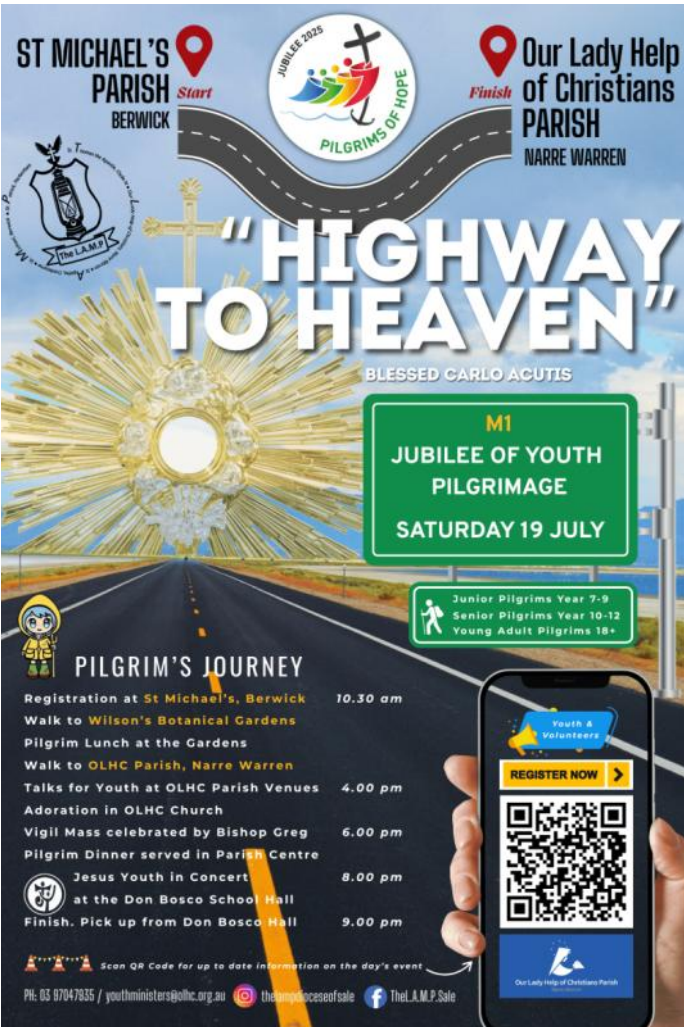
**HEALING MASS:** The Servant Community invites you to a Healing Mass on Thursday 5th June at 7.30pm. Fr. Anthony Santhiyagu will be the main Celebrant. Please join us for fellowship after Mass. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**ST PATRICK'S SERVANT COMMUNITY:** Invites you to come, be refreshed and deepen your relationship with the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. "Come and See New Life in God's Spirit 8 week Seminar". For more information refer Notice Board for more details.

**TAX RECEIPTS FOR CARITAS:** For those who have requested them, can be collected from the Church foyer.

**ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** We had a great lunch last month. Lunch this month will be at Cardinia Club, Racecourse Road on Wednesday 4th June at 12.30pm. It will be great to see you all. You can message Kathy 0418 679 616 or if you feel inclined you can just come on the day.

**MYSTAGOGIA MASS:** This Sunday 1st of June, 2.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, 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 principal Celebrant.



**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH BERWICK** Start **Our Lady Help of Christians PARISH NARRE WARREN** Finish

**"HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN"**

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

**M1 JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 19 JULY**

**PILGRIM'S JOURNEY**

Registration at St Michael's, Berwick	10.30 am
Walk to Wilson's Botanical Gardens	
Pilgrim Lunch at the Gardens	
Walk to OLHC Parish, Narre Warren	
Talks for Youth at OLHC Parish Venues	4.00 pm
Adoration in OLHC Church	
Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg	6.00 pm
Pilgrim Dinner served in Parish Centre	
Jesus Youth in Concert at the Don Bosco School Hall	8.00 pm
Finish. Pick up from Don Bosco Hall	9.00 pm

Junior Pilgrims Year 7-9  
Senior Pilgrims Year 10-12  
Young Adult Pilgrims 18+

Scan QR Code for up to date information on the day's event

PH: 03 97047835 / [youthministers@olhc.org.au](mailto:youthministers@olhc.org.au) [theladyhelpofchristians.org.au](https://www.theladyhelpofchristians.org.au) The L.A.M.P. Sale

**Fr Jeff's Diary**  
**June 2-6**  
Mon: Away  
Tue: Office  
Wed: Office  
Thu: Office  
Fri: Office



**D'Vine Kids**  
Faith Formation Program  
Faith, Fun & Food

Join us for some fun and games as we learn about Jesus & St Anthony

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches, if you abide in me and me in you you will bear much fruit; for without me you can do nothing."

When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025  
(Feast of St Anthony of Padua)  
Time: 7:00-8:30pm  
Who: Primary school yrs 3-6  
St Patrick's Parish Centre, Pakenham

Children to be signed in & out by a parent/guardian  
More info: Parish Office 59417315

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**JUBILEE OF LAY MINISTERS AND LEADERS:** A Liturgy of Blessings for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Baptism and Sacrament Teams, Parish Pastoral workers, Parish Community Volunteers and Leaders of Parish Committees will be held at St John's Trafalgar on June 15th at 2.00pm. Service and Blessing will be followed by afternoon tea. Please RSVP to the parish secretary by 31st May on 5633 1166 or [Trafalgar@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Trafalgar@cdsale.org.au).

**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 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 are welcome to try this form of prayer, free admission. To book:

[secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au) or call the Parish Support Centre on 9707 1355.

**PART-TIME POSITION - ASSISTANT PARISH SECRETARY:** A position has become available at the St Agatha's Parish Office in Cranbourne. The primary purpose of this role is to provide secretarial and administrative support to the Parish Secretary. This is a permanent part-time position, working three days per week, from **8:30am to 4:00pm**. Occasional work outside regular office hours may be required on a **voluntary basis**. To apply: Please address your application to the **Parish Priest** and email it too [parishoffice@stagathas.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stagathas.org.au) by **Thursday, 5th June 2025**. Applications should include a **cover letter** and a **current resume**. For a copy of the full position description, please contact the parish office via email or call **(03) 5996 1985**.