



St Patrick's Parish



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Parish Office Hours: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 9.00am-3.00pm, Wed - Closed

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of this land, who 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.

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk. Any concerns, please contact the Safeguarding Officer via email safetyofficer@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 2-3 August 2025

****Please Turn Your Mobile Phones Off Or Place Them On Silent Mode****

MASSES

SUNDAY

Saturday vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am, 10.30am
5.00pm (1st and 3rd)

WEEKDAYS

Mon: No - Liturgy of the Word

Tue: No - Mass

Wed: 9.30am

Thu: 8.00am

Fri: 9.30am St Pat's - Year 1 & 2

Sat: 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am - 10.30am

EXPOSITION/BENEDICTION

Saturday: 10.15am - 10.45am

BAPTISMS

Saturday: 11.15am

PARISH PRIEST

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PRESBYTERY

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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Priest Support Group

Tue: Priest Support Group

Wed: Office

Thu: Office/Vianney Day Maryknoll

Fri: Office/Warragul

PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS / RCIA / RCIC

Please contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice requested.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or

kidshelpline.com.au

(Concerned adults can call for advice)

CatholicCare: 1800 522 076 or

1 Rogers Street Pakenham

(Counselling Services)

ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

I arise today, through the strength of heaven; Light of sun,
Splendour of fire, Speed of lightning, Swiftmess of wind,
Depth of sea, Stability of earth, Firmness of rock.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's
word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's
way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's
hosts to save me, afar and anear, alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today against wounding

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie

down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of

everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord of all creation. Amen



SINHALA MASS: Please join the Sri Lankan Community to celebrate Holy Mass in Sinhalese with Healing service with Adoration conducted by Rev Fr Kalana Peiris here on **Monday, the 4th August at 7.00 p.m.** at our parish.

VOLUNTEERS FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES: The parish team is seeking volunteers to assist with our Baptism Preparation Classes. Classes are held once a month on a Wednesday evening from 6.30pm-7.30pm. If you are interested in assisting with this important ministry, please contact the parish office for more information. Some understanding of Baptism is essential.

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: We invite all secondary school students (Years 7 to 12) to join us this Sunday, 3rd August, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm for our youth group gathering. **The Group** will meet on the **1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays** of each month. **This Sunday, Matt Fidow will be addressing the congregation to share more about the upcoming plans for our youth ministry.** We look forward to seeing you there!



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: Amy Velten from the Diocesan Youth Advisory Committee and as a promoter of the event within our parish will be addressing the congregation. If interested please speak to her after the weekend Masses or refer notice board for more information.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: Are a group of parishioners who have lunch together once a month. It is a social occasion for a chat while we have lunch. Our next lunch will be on August 6th at 12:30 at Railway Hotel on Main Street near the station. If you are interested contact Kathy 0418 679 616 or just join us on the day.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA

After 9.00am Mass in the Hall

PADDY'S KITCHEN

Sundays between 4-4.45pm

Contact Tresa: 0421 931 888

MARTHA & MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP ROSARY

Tuesday at 10.00am followed by a cuppa

LEGION OF MARY

Friday 10.30am

Contact Jilsa: 0450 070 262

Winnie: 0422 179 999

SERVANT COMMUNITY

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Thursday at 7.00pm

Contact Jean-Claude: 0410 126 415

D'VINE KIDS

Children's Faith formation program:

Year 3-6 2nd Friday 7- 8.30 pm

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP:

1st 3rd and 5th Sundays 3.00-4.30pm.

SERAPHS OF ST PAT'S

Contact: Andrew 0468 366 820

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP

First Wednesday each month

Contact Kathy 0418 679 616.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

2nd Tuesday 10.00am

Helpline: 1800 305 330

MARY'S INTERCESSORY MINISTRY

Saturday at 10.00am

Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

SEWING GROUP

Thursday 10.00am

Contact Cheryl via the Parish Office

PIETY STALL

Open Saturday and Sunday or by appointment through the parish office.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meg Escalante (Principal)

Phone: 5943 9000

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Helen Staindl, (Principal)

Phone: 5940 6777

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

Julie Banda, (Principal),

Phone: 9707 3111

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP

ORANGE DOOR: 1800 319 354

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188

NO TO VIOLENCE - MEN'S

REFERRAL SERVICE: 1800 766 491

Mon-Fri: 8am - 9pm,

Sat-Sun: 9am - 6pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE

AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE:

1800 755 988

WAYS Emergency

Accommodation: 9703 0044 or after

5pm 1800 825 955

LIFELINE: 13 11 14

BEYOND BLUE: 1300 22 4636

or <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Sarah Grech, Julie Hall, Frs. Andrew Wise, Michael Willemsen & Peter Slater, Mary Arokiam, Ana Grgic, Tamara Corteling, Amitha Liyanarachchi, Margaret Holland, Margaret Gudgeon & Umberto Tiberi.

[Names will be removed after one month, unless we are advised otherwise]

FOR THE SOULS OF: Johanna Parr, who died recently, and for Aldrin Perera, Ralph & Rufino Eslao, Dallas Ingram & Alloysius Perera whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

PRAYER / MASS REQUESTS: Please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome Bethany Simmons.

Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, 6.30 pm, Wednesday, August 6th - in the Welcome room. Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Must be sent to the parish office by 10.00 am Thursday.

ROSTERS

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to minister on your allocated date, ***it is your responsibility*** to swap with someone else.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is also displayed on Notice board, please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION 2025

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Enrolments are now closed.

Preparation classes for Reconciliation begin on Wednesday, August 13th, 20th & 27th, followed by First Holy Communion classes on Wednesday, 3rd, 10th and 17th at 5.00pm.

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

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. All those interested, please email: sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: Collection will be taken up **this weekend**. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax-deductible.

BOLLYWOOD NIGHT: The Legion of Mary, Pakenham is hosting a fundraising event on Friday, 5th of September for the celebration of Mary Mother of Hope. Tickets will be sold in the foyer after Mass over the next few weekends.

ST CLARE'S FEAST DAY: Celebrations will begin with 6pm Mass on Saturday 9 August here at St Patrick's Church. Everyone is invited to join us for Mass followed by pizzas in the Parish hall.

BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on August 7, in the Parish Support Centre at St Michael's Berwick, the CBS Bible Study group will be commencing the Study of 1 & 2 Peter from the New Testament. Should anyone wish to join, they are most welcome. Further information contact Roy Baker on 0402 784 027 or roytinabaker@gmail.com

D'Vine Kids

Faith Formation Program
Faith, Fun & Food



The Holy Face of Jesus



Topic: Focusing on the Face of Jesus (as on the abstract crucifix) that displays the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. Learning more about these virtues while pondering our own faces. We will be joined by fellow parishioner and cartoonist, Greg Vercoe.

When: Friday 8th August, 2025
Time: 7-8:30pm
Who: primary years 3-6
Location: St Patrick's Parish Centre, Pakenham

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: In conjunction with National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate in a Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations - a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, to ask the Lord of the Harvest to inspire more men and women to the answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more vocations. **Saturday, 10th August 3:00 - 4:00 pm St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North.**

REJUVENATE RCIA IN YOUR PARISH: on Saturday, 23 August 2025 at Sion House, Warragul. Refer notice board for more details.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL WORKSHOP: "Principles & Practice of Good Parish Liturgy - Preparation & Engagement" on Saturday 30 August 2025 from 9.30am - 3.00pm at St Michael's Parish, 121-123 High Street, Berwick. Refer notice board for more details.

DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL UPDATE: The DMC held its third meeting for the year on Saturday, 19th July at St Michael's Parish Centre, Berwick. Bishop Greg shared updates on key activities happening across the Diocese, including the joyful Jubilee of Hope celebrations, Youth initiatives, Clergy reflections on pastoral life, the inspiring work of Catholic Social Services, and ongoing regional collaboration. The heart of the meeting focused on shaping the 2026-2030 Diocesan Pastoral Plan Framework, to be launched later this year. The key features of

the framework include: Core principles to guide a mission-driven future, six pastoral goals promoting communion, Participation, and mission, and a clear process for Parishes to create their own five-year Parish Pastoral Plans. DMC members look forward to sharing the framework soon – a resource designed to inspire, guide, and unite communities in bold, creative, and faith-filled pastoral action.

JUBILEE OF PRAYER GROUPS - SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST 2025: As part of the Jubilee celebrations, all are warmly invited to a special gathering honouring the many prayer groups in our diocese. The day will take place across two locations. Refer to notice board in 2nd Foyer for more details.

FLAMES OF HOPE: As part of the Jubilee celebration, the Diocesan Pastoral Life and Mission Team is offering a day of prayer and reflection which is being facilitated by the Emmaus Spirituality Team. Refer to notice board in 2nd Foyer for more details.

STAY UPDATED ON DIOCESAN EVENTS: There are many exciting events happening across our Diocese! Stay informed and up to date by visiting the Diocesan Events Page. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. Visit: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Stop Talking to Yourself!

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only

to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.