



# 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](mailto:safetyofficer@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS YEAR C 13-14 September 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### WEEKDAYS

Mon: (Liturgy of the Word)

Tue: 6.00pm

Wed: 10.00am Funeral: Margaret Holland

Thu: 9.30am

Fri: 9.00am

Sat: 9.30am

#### RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am - 10.30am

#### EXPOSITION/BENEDICTION

Saturday: 10.15am - 10.45am

#### BAPTISMS

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: 11.15am

#### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans

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#### PRESBYTERY

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Herbie O'Flynn

[safetyofficer@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:safetyofficer@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

#### FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away

Tue: Away

Wed: Office/Funeral/VCEA Mass & Dinner

Thu: Office/St Clare's/Paddy's Meeting

Fri: Office/Funeral

#### 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](http://www.sale.catholic.org.au/professional-standards)

**KIDS HELPLINE:** 1800 55 1800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://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, Swiftness 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



### YEAR OF JUBILEE, 'MARIAN SPIRITUALITY' AT ST PATRICK'S PAKENHAM:

Celebrating Our Lady Queen of All Creation on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of October** starting at 9.30am with a **Rosary Procession, Mass** with Bishop Greg Bennet, and a **special time of fellowship** to follow. To celebrate the diversity of our parish community, we're asking parishioners to bring a plate to share: perhaps something from your country or culture! Whether it's a sweet treat, a savory dish, or a family favorite, your contribution will help make this gathering a joyful and delicious celebration of joy and togetherness. Thank you for sharing and being part of our parish family! We have sheets in the foyer to add your contribution.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** We are currently arranging for new planned giving envelopes for 2025/2026. As the cost of printing these has risen, and with tax receipts no longer being issued, we kindly encourage parishioners to consider placing their planned giving offering as part of the loose collection. For those who still prefer envelopes or would like to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers, please contact Andrea at the parish office by 25 September 2025. Thank you for your consideration of this.

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:** We raised \$1079.35 thank you for your generous contribution.



## **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

or 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 7- 8.30 pm

### **THE VINE YOUTH GROUP:**

1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Frs. Michael Willemsen, Peter Bickley & Peter Slater, as well as Robert Gudgeon, Anjali Hase, Prudence Candappa, Anthony Morrill, Alessia Curcio, Mary D'costa, Mary Robinson, Mary Arokiam, Tenille Labrooy, Ana Grgic, Tamara Corteling, Margaret Gudgeon & Umberto Tiberi.

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

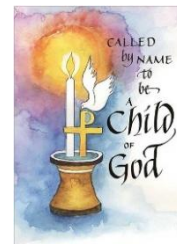
**FOR THE SOULS OF:** Fr Andrew Wise, Margaret Holland, Christopher Holt, Heather Pompeus, Christene Fernando, Maria Austin & Thelma Johnston who died recently, and Davidson Harawa, Luigi Vogrig, Shanthi Fernando, Elizabeth Singham Jim Gunton, Tyrone Melliza, Vinko & Ivka Vukelic, Yvonne Golden & Otto Harris & Mirtha Peirone 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. n.b. Due to an influx of requests we might have to share them with priests who can celebrate them on your behalf.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome Nella Karan, Lexi Di-Vito, Domenico Robles-Amorosi.

Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, 6.30 pm, Wednesday, October 1st - 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 class for First Holy Communion on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 pm. A reflection day will be held in conjunction with the schools during the day on Friday, **10<sup>th</sup> October**, in the church hall.

Bookings for Communion Masses opened on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September and will close on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September at 5.00 pm.

Links and QR codes are on the website.

<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DFIXR">https://www.trybooking.com/DFIXR</a>	11 October 2025 6.00 pm
<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DFIYB">https://www.trybooking.com/DFIYB</a>	12 October 2025 10.30 am
<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DFIXU">https://www.trybooking.com/DFIXU</a>	18 October 2025 6.00 pm
<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DFIXY">https://www.trybooking.com/DFIXY</a>	19 October 2025 10.30 am

**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](mailto:sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** For Paddy's Kitchen, who continues to serve our community with warm meals and a welcoming smile each week. To help us keep supporting families and individuals in need, we are currently seeking donations of the following items:



**Rice: Basmati / Jasmine / Long grain. Pasta Sauce & Canned Tomatoes.** Your generosity makes a real difference. Items can be left in the collection box in the church foyer or dropped off at the parish office during the week. Thank you for your continued kindness and support in helping us share food and care with those who need it most.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE:** St Vincent de Paul Pakenham conference will be holding a Spring Appeal at all masses on 20th and 21st September. We are asking for both continued prayer, as well as financial support, and, if you are able to volunteer with us, 2 hours of your time once a month. A valid Working With Children Check and other compliance apply for all volunteers. Further information, please contact Theo 5941 7413 evenings please



**SAFEGUARDING ONLINE TRAINING:** commenced on 1st of September by Safetrac. Volunteers whose three-year cycle is due please check your emails and complete this module.

**CHILD SAFETY WEEK 7-13 September 2025 - A Time for Conversation:**

The focus this year is **Conversation** - listening to and valuing the voices of children and young people. As a parish, we are committed to being a safe and welcoming place where children are respected, heard, and protected. Let's each play our part in building a culture of openness, care, and safeguarding.

**VOLUNTEER VACANCY- PARISH MISSION COUNCIL:** A vacancy for a "Volunteer Minutes Secretary" has become available to any interested person who could commit to taking minutes at the PMC meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please send your interest to the Parish Office via email [parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au) or hand delivered to the office Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fri. between 9.00am – 3.00pm



**ACYF 2025 KARAOKE NIGHT FUNDRAISER:** Will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Tickets will be sold after Masses or can be purchased from the parish office. Please refer notice board for more information.

**Notes for donors:** Perishable items should be delivered fresh or frozen and stored safely in the refrigerator (Located in the Kitchen, leftmost). Sauces in bulk/catering bottles are preferred.

**KARAOKE NIGHT DONATIONS**

Gift hampers

Auction items

Raffle prizes

Food for the night, items & quantities needed:

Party pies (mini) - 400 pieces

Spring rolls (cocktail size) - 400 pieces

Samosas (mini) - 300 pieces

Chicken winglets/drumettes - 30 kg (~600 pieces)

Potato wedges - 16-20 kg

Bagged chips - 12-15 kg

Bacon (for loaded wedges) - 5-6 kg

Cheese (for sauce) - 1.5-2 kg

Thickened cream - 2-3 L Milk - 3-4 L

Sour cream - 3-4 kg

Oil – 20-25 litres Chicken salt - 0.5-1 kg

Tomato sauce - 4 L (2 x 2 L bottles)

Barbecue sauce - 2 L

Sweet chilli sauce - 2 L Chilli sauce - 1 L

Canned drinks – 400



**Every contribution will help make this event a success – thank you!**

**MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT OF OUR LADY OF SION CONVENT TO ENHANCE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING:**

We are excited to share a major announcement for the Diocese of Sale. The iconic Our Lady of Sion Convent and school campus site is set for a significant \$40 million redevelopment, one of the largest education projects ever undertaken in the Diocese. To read the full joint statement from Bishop Greg Bennet and the Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, Mr Paul Velten, please visit the official news announcement. <https://tinyurl.com/y94vbfzw>



**A CALL TO HONOUR OUR CATECHISTS - PAST AND PRESENT:** The Diocese is planning a special Jubilee event in Maffra to thank and recognise the dedicated catechists who have served in our parishes over the years. To ensure we can invite everyone, we are compiling a diocesan-wide list. If you are a current or former catechist, we ask you to please contact the parish office. We also ask for your help in reaching out to friends or family members who have served in this ministry, encouraging them to get in touch. Please refer to notice board for more details.

**MARY MOTHER OF HOPE:** The combined Gippsland Legion of Mary Praesidia warmly invites all people from the Diocese of Sale to the event - Mary, Mother of Hope, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet followed by Rosary & Adoration on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am-3.15pm. Don't miss this celebration of faith, unity, and hope. To register, scan the QR Code or go to <http://tinyurl.com/3hm89uvv>



### Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

### First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

**The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Do not forget the works of the Lord! (R.)**

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R.)**
2. When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **(R.)**
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R.)**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

### Gospel John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to your Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

### Next Week's Readings 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Amos 8:4-7  
Second Reading  
St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8  
Gospel Luke 16:1-13

### The theme for Season of Creation 2025 is Peace with Creation

Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18.

The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace, because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace  
when justice is restored.

There is still hope and an expectation  
for a peaceful Earth.

To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

