



# St Patrick's Parish



**PARISH OFFICE: 142 Princes Hwy Pakenham 3810 Ph: 5941 7315**

**WEB: [www.stpatrickspakenham.com.au](http://www.stpatrickspakenham.com.au)**

**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 [safeguarding@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:safeguarding@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**4th Sunday of Advent: 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> December 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: 9.30 am Service of the Word

Tue: 9.30am

Wed: 9.30 No Morning Mass

6.00pm & 9.00pm Christmas Eve

12.00 Midnight Mass

Thu: 9.00am Christmas Day Mass

Fri: 9.30 am

Sat: 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am - 10.30am

**Nb. NO Reconciliation 27/12**

### EXPOSITION/BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.00-10.45 am

**Nb. NO Exposition 27/12**

### BAPTISMS

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

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans

[Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.au)

### PRESBYTERY

144 Princes Hwy, Pakenham

Phone: 5941 8031

### SECRETARY

Andrea Jayawardena

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### SACRAMENT CO-ORDINATOR

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

### PASTORAL CARE

Katrina Venn

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

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Terry Wynne

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

### FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Day Off

Tue: Day Off

Wed: Half Day Off

Thu: Christmas Day

Fri: Boxing day

### 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)

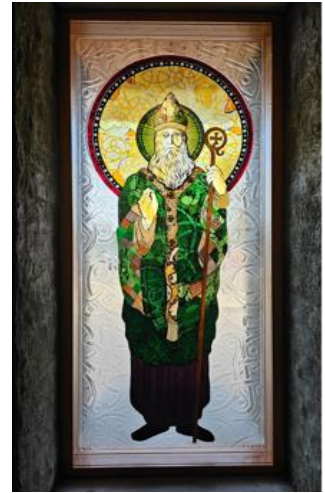
(Concerned adults can call for advice)

**CatholicCare:** 1800 522 076 or

1 Rogers Street Pakenham

## 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

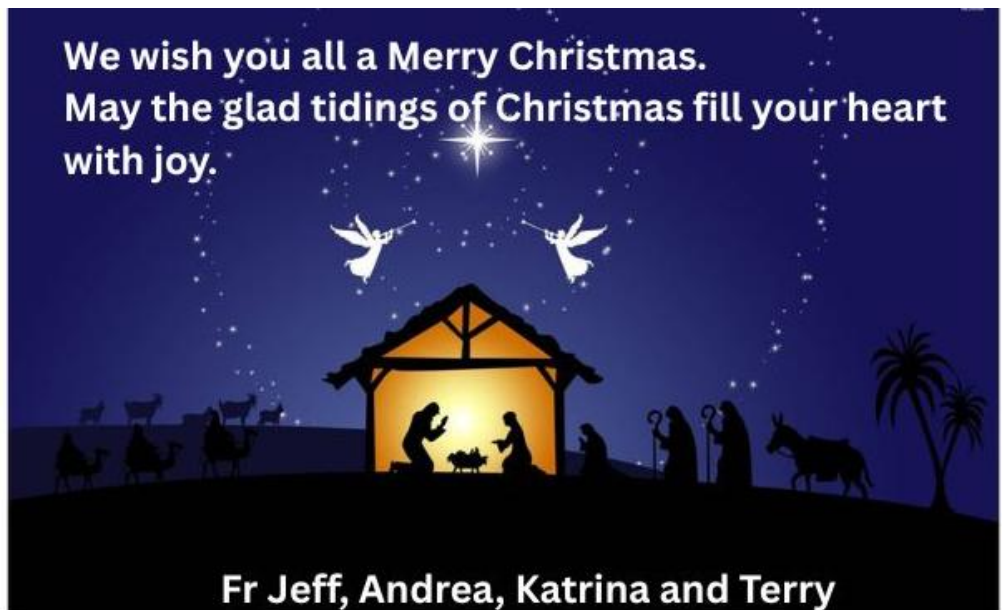


**THE PARISH OFFICE:** Will be closed for Christmas and New Year from Tuesday 23 December until Monday 12 January 2026. Emails and messages will be monitored. All non-urgent messages will be replied to from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Should you require a priest in an emergency contact the Presbytery on 5941 8031.

**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME:** To Mary Robinson who has accepted the role of our Parish Sacrament and Events Coordinator. Mary will take up this position in January 2026. We look forward to working with you.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR:** Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar servers please place your names on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. (Only those currently in active ministries please).

We wish you all a Merry Christmas.  
May the glad tidings of Christmas fill your heart  
with joy.



Fr Jeff, Andrea, Katrina and Terry

## **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- 8.30pm

### **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:** Fathers Michael Willemsen, Bernie Krotwaar & Peter Slater, as well as Amitha Liyanaarachchi, John Burhop, Betz Fernandez, Rina Rocca, Hamil Nathanielsz, Tamara Corteling, Carmel Clemann, David Gudgeon, Anjali Hase, Anthony Morrill, Mary De Costa, Ana Grgic, Margaret Gudgeon, Robert Gudgeon

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

**THE SOULS OF:** Antolin & Rosario Cacafranca, Doreen Augustine, David Martin & Ron Resuggan and all the faithful departed 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:** Begin again in 2026. **Please do not use the St Vincent de Paul envelopes in the foyer for your Mass requests.**

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

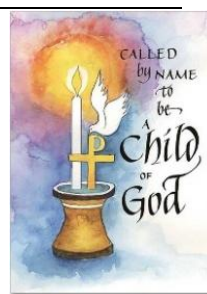
**ROSTERS:** For all Ministries are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to assist on your allocated date, **it is your responsibility** to swap with someone else. Amended rosters can be collected from the foyer.

**BAPTISMS:** Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, 5.30pm, Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Welcome room. Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

**RCIA:** Preparation classes **will resume on the Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026** from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

**RCIC:** For children aged 10-14 years are invited to join the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Children* program.

All those interested, please email: [sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)



**St Patrick's Church, Pakenham**

**Reconciliation**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 7.00pm**

**Christmas Mass Times**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
5.20pm Carols - 6.00 pm Mass  
8.20pm Carols - 9.00pm Mass  
11.20 pm Carols - Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
8.45 am Carols - 9.00am Mass

**New Year's Eve**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December - 7.00pm**  
**New Year's Day**  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January - 9.00am**

**We wish you a Holy and Blessed Christmas!**



**COMBINED CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Our final practice for *Midnight Mass* will be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Auxillia or Maria on 0405 844 557 or 0433 640 828 if you would like to join the choir.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We are privileged to host the **ST CARLOS ACUTIS's FIRST CLASS RELIC** and **ASSOCIATED EXHIBITION** in our parish from Monday 9th to Sunday 15th of February 2026. Many miracles have already been attributed to this relic. All are invited. Come and be blessed. For more details Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752, or Melissa 0497 971 102.

**PADDY'S KITCHEN CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE:** Tickets will be sold by Herbie in the foyer after all Masses this weekend.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** Available for Sale at the Piety Stall \$10.00

**CONCLUDING CELEBRATIONS - PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE:** St Thomas the Apostle parish Clyde Nth is honoured to invite all parishes across the diocese to gather as 'pilgrims of hope' to share in the concluding celebration on **Sunday 21 December**. The celebration will begin with a Pilgrimage Walk at 4.00pm, leaving St Peter's College and journeying to St Thomas the Apostle, Church, as a meaningful expression of our shared journey of faith, gratitude, and hope throughout this year. The Jubilee Mass: celebrated by Bishop Greg, will follow at 5.00pm, after which we will gather for fellowship and refreshments. Be part of this rare and grace-filled celebration as we conclude the Jubilee Year together. For more information, please contact the parish office on 5998 0947. We encourage as many St Patrick's parishioners who are able to attend.

**ABC TV CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING:** ABC has announced special programming to celebrate the Christmas season:

- **Sun 21/12 @ 11:30am:** Songs Of Praise: Carols For Christmas Eve.
- **Tue 23/12 @ 7:30pm:** The Piano UK: at Christmas
- **Thu 25/12 @ 5:00pm:** Royal Carols: Together at Christmas 2025
- **Thu 25/12 @ 7.30pm:** The King's Christmas Message 2025

### Gospel Focus – What's in a name?

It appears from the passage that Mary's child is to be called both Jesus and Emmanuel. Emmanuel is not intended as a different name for Jesus but rather one of the many titles that will be applied to him. The title means God-is-with-us. That one word, Emmanuel, sums up the essence of Jewish and Christian belief. The Jewish people's faith in God was built on the basis that God travelled with them and through their lives. Christians believe that God took on an even closer sense of being with us through God's incarnation in the life of Jesus.

### Questions for Adolescents

Q. How do you think Joseph felt when he learnt that Mary was pregnant?

Q. What might Mary have been feeling once Joseph knew of her pregnancy?

Q. How might a belief that God-is-with-us impact upon our actions and attitudes?

Q. Where do you see signs that God-is-with-us?

### Questions for Adults

Q. Why might the gospel writer have used the excerpt from Isaiah to back the angel's words?

Q. What social and cultural issues do you think Joseph and Mary may have had to overcome?

Q. What values and virtues does Joseph display in this episode?

Q. Why would an understanding of God becoming incarnate have been problematic for Jews?




**St Patrick's Parish  
Paddy's Kitchen  
Christmas Quilt Raffle**




**\$5**  
Per ticket

**Prize: 1.5m x 1.5m handmade Quilt**  
**Drawn: Christmas Eve 2025**  
**Further Info: Herbie 0419 223 631**





We are thrilled to announce that  
**The Vine Youth Group**  
will continue from Feb 2026!!



**St Patrick's Parish**  
**Stay tuned for details**  
**Senior School Yrs 7-12**

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf Isaiah 45:8**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**First Reading****Isaiah 7:10-14**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the patience  
of men  
without trying the patience of my God, too?  
The Lord himself, therefore,  
will give you a sign.  
It is this: the maiden is with child  
and will soon give birth to a son  
whom she will call Immanuel,  
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

**The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7.10****Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (R)**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

**Second Reading****Romans 1:1-7**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of

these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

**The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God****Gospel Acclamation****Matthew 1:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 1:18-24**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,  
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

**The Gospel of the Lord – Thanks be to God****Communion Antiphon****Isaiah 7:14**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Next Week's Readings****First Reading****Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14****Second Reading****St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21****Gospel****Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**