



# 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)

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**\*\*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: 6.00pm

Wed: 9.30am

Thu: 9.30am

Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am - 10.30am

### EXPOSITION/BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.00-10.45 am

### BAPTISMS

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

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans

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### ASSISTANT PRIEST

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### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Terry Wynne

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### FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Day Off

Tue: Office

Wed: Office

Thu: Office

Fri: Office

### 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, 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



**WELCOME FR VIPIN EDWARD:** We extend a heartfelt and prayerful welcome to our new Assistant Priest: Fr Vipin Edward IVDei, and warmly welcome him to our parish community. Please allow Fr Edward to settle into his role before making too many requests of him. We pray that his ministry among us will be richly blessed.

**THE LAMP 2026:** Is approaching fast, and, as the hosts, the St Patrick's parish community invites all Youth and Young people ages 12-25 to take part in this exciting and FREE day of fellowship, spiritual growth, catechesis, and inspired leadership, with Gen Bryant and Bishop Greg Bennet, on Sat Feb 7. Exploring the theme: ***By His Wounds We Are Healed And Forgiven***. Registrations open next week. Save the date and get excited!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are seeking some more volunteers to assist with this ministry, so if you feel as though it is something that you would like to do, please contact the parish office to register your interest. All you will need to do, if you do not already have one, is apply for a Working With Children Check. Parish secretary, Andrea can assist you with this.

**CBS: Discover the Word: Community Bible Study Information Night -** Are you looking to deepen your understanding of Scripture in a supportive, welcoming environment? You are warmly invited to an information night for Community Bible Study (CBS) Australia on Monday, 19th January at 7:30 PM, held at St Patrick's Church, Pakenham. Whether you have studied the Bible for years or are opening it for the first time, CBS offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. Come along to hear how the program works and how you can get involved. For more information, please contact Sarah Johnson on 0438 935 917.

## **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:** Frs. Michael Willemsen, Bernie Krotwaar & Peter Slater, as well as Carmen Reimers, Yvette Baldsing, Amitha Liyanaarachchi, John Burhop, Rina Rocca, Tamara Corteling, Carmel Clemann, Anjali Hase, Anthony Morrill, Mary De Costa, Ana Grgic.

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

**THE SOULS OF:** Sally McGregor and Faye Vincent who died recently, and Vincent Perera, T. K. Yusuf, Paul Venn 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:** Please email or contact the parish office for information. Please **do not use** the St Vincent de Paul envelopes in the foyer for your Mass requests. Donations can be made by cash to the office or transferred to our Donations account St Patrick's Parish Donations BSB 083879 Account No 75 5770740, please mention a reference in the description.

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

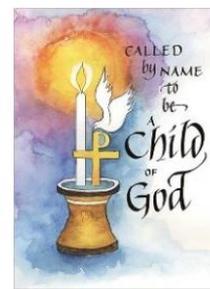
**ROSTERS:** For all Ministries are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to assist on your allocated date, ***it is your responsibility*** to swap with someone else.

**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)



**PARISH HALL FLOOR:** The refurbishment of the parish hall floor is now complete. However, the hall will remain off limits until further notice to allow the treatment to fully cure. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**SERVANT COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETINGS:** Will recommence on Thursday 22 January 2026 at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Pakenham, beginning at 6.30 pm with the Holy Rosary, followed by Praise and Worship, a Healing Mass at 7.00 pm celebrated by Fr Antony Parankimallil VC, concluding with Adoration and a Healing Service. All are warmly invited to attend and bring family and friends.

**HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER:** As the shepherd of the St Patrick's parish community, it is my duty to remind you that Mass is made up of **two halves**; the first being **Liturgy of the Word** second being the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. If you arrive at Mass after the Liturgy of the Word has concluded, you will not be properly disposed to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. So, to save the embarrassment of refusal, please, do not come forward to receive Holy Communion, if you have missed the first half. Thank you, Fr Jeff.

**ARRIVAL AT MASS:** Please familiarise yourself with the parish Mass Times in the bulletin (which can occasionally change from time to time), to ensure that you allow yourself enough time to **arrive on time**. I do understand that sometimes your delayed arrival is out of your control, but if you are intending to come to Mass, your participation in it will be ***the single most important thing you do that day***, so please, try to arrive on time, thereby giving Our Lord, the respect He deserves.

**ST CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION:** The parish of St Patrick's Pakenham together with The Servant Community is privileged to host the First Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis and associated exhibition, in the parish hall, from 7.00pm on Saturday Feb 7 to Sunday Feb 15. We warmly invite you to come along and receive the graces associated with this exhibition celebrating the Catholic Church's First Millennium Saint: canonised on September 07, 2025. The Blessed Sacrament will also be exposed in the church each day, for veneration, during the exhibition. All are welcome, and funds raised will go to the planned parish 24-hour Adoration Chapel. (Please see flyer for further details)

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PAKENHAM & The Servant Community**

*Save the Date!*

Invite you to a public viewing & veneration of a **FIRST CLASS RELIC** of St Carlos Acutis & the St Carlos Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, for the first time in the Diocese of SALE

Place: St Patrick's Church 138-142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, 3810

Dates & Times: 7 February 2026 after 6pm Mass; 8 to 15 February 2026, 10am to 8:30pm

Evening program of Mass / talks will be available on the parish website in February [www.stpatrickspakenham.com.au](http://www.stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

For more information please contact Rochelle 0401017752 / Melissa 0497971102

Opportunity to buy St Carlos books/merch  
Get a 3rd Class relic (donation)  
(proceeds will go to parish Adoration Chapel)

### **DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FRAMEWORK:**

This year at St Patrick's we will begin to focus on precisely how we might best start to implement the six goals of the diocesan pastoral plan, and how we might enhance the goals that we are already engaged in.

The plan's goals are as follows:

1. Deepen our Christ Centred Faith and Spiritual Growth.
2. Ignite Missionary Outreach and Evangelisation.
3. Enhance Parish-School Collaboration.
4. Inspire the Engagement of Young People and Families to Help Build the Future Church.
5. Build an Inclusive and Welcoming Church.
6. Advance Synodal Leadership and Engagement.

In the coming weeks, Fr Jeff will approach some parishioners and invite them to be part of the Parish Pastoral Planning Team. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for Fr Jeff, and for all those who might respond to these invitations, as well as for the Pastoral Plan's successful implementation, here in our wonderful parish.

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### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

### **The Perfume of Holiness**

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus.'

**Entrance Antiphon**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**First Reading****Isaiah 49:3. 5-6**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.**

**(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading****1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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

**Psalm 65:4****Gospel Acclamation****John 1:14. 12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****John 1:29-34**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon****Cf Psalm 22:5**

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Next Week's Readings****First Reading****Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13****Second Reading****1 Corinthians 1:26-31****Gospel****Matthew 5:1-12**