



# St Patrick's Parish



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

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

## **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 14-15 February 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: 9.30am - Service of the Word

Tue: 6.00pm

**Wed: Ash Wednesday**

7.30am

9.30am - St Patrick's School

11.40am - St Clare's School Officer

7.30pm

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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#### **FR JEFF'S DIARY**

Mon: Priest Support Group

Tue: Priest Support Group & Finance Meeting

Wed: Office

Thu: Office

Fri: DOSCEL Board, 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](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

### **ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE**

I arise today, through the strength of heaven; Light of sun, Splendour of fire, Speed of lightning, Swiftiness 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



**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>:** To mark the beginning of Lent, Masses for Ash Wednesday are as follows: 7.30 am in the Church, 9.30 am in the Church with years 3-6 and staff from St Patrick's Primary School, 11.40 am at St Clare's Primary School, and 7.30 pm in the Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2026:** All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for the **Stations of the Cross**, commencing **Friday, 20 February 2026 at 7.00 pm**. Come and walk prayerfully with Christ on His journey to the Cross as we reflect, pray, and deepen our Lenten faith together as a parish community.

- **20/02** - Legion of Mary
- **27/02** - Servant Community
- **06/03** - Filipino Community
- **13/03** - The Vine
- **20/03** - Sri Lankan Community
- **27/03** - St Mary's Intercessory Group

**LENTEN REFLECTION:** A 6-week Lenten Reflection program will run every Tuesday at 6.30 pm, from 24th February to March 31<sup>st</sup> for about 45 minutes. Resources will be provided. Hope to see you there.

**BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD ITEMS:** This weekend there will be a display of handcrafted olive wood religious items for sale before and after Mass. These items are hand-crafted in Bethlehem, in the Holy Land, by Catholic families there. Your purchases help to support these families as well as preserve the Holy Sites in Bethlehem. Over 600 families rely on this work as their main source of income, but with the ongoing conflict, hardly any pilgrims are visiting. By purchasing any of these items, you are offering much-needed support to the Christian community in Bethlehem and helping to keep the faith alive in the Holy Land.

## **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, & Peter Slater, as well as Amitha Liyanaarachchi, Sundeep K, Rehman S, Albert Michael, Albert John, Yvonne J B, Fazlur Rahman, Liam Shadforth, Lyn Vogrig, & Carmen Reimers.

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

**THE SOULS OF:** Luo Mao Hua, Yu Hong, Henry Wickramasinghe, & Ron Hill, 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.

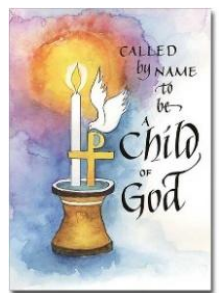
**BAPTISMS:** Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, 5.30pm, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Welcome room.

Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

**RCIA:** Preparation classes: Tuesdays, 7.00pm - 8.30pm (**please note the change of day**)

**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)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The parish needs **NEW** volunteers to assist with Eucharistic Ministry, Reading, and Singers for the 10.30 am and 5.00 pm Masses. If you feel called to serve in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office or add your names to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS AND THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF BAPTISED CANDIDATES:** For this year's Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale (Sunday, 22 February at 3:00 pm), Bishop Greg Bennet has invited Chris Harkin to convene a diocesan choir.

If you would like to lend your voice to this beautiful ceremony, Chris would be pleased to hear from you. Music will be sent via email for individual practice, followed by a rehearsal at the Cathedral on the day of the ceremony from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. To express your interest, please contact Chris Harkin via text on 0419 772 668 or email: [chris@harkin.com.au](mailto:chris@harkin.com.au)

**CBS:** Discover the Word: Community Bible Study Information Sessions: Every Monday at 7.00pm. For more information, please contact Sarah Johnson on 0438 935 917.

**ROOM FOR RENT:** Would prefer a female student or couple. Please contact Rose Dias on 0413641074 for further information.

## **HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS – DIOCESE OF SALE**

The Diocese of Sale invites all parishioners to join in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to ask the Lord for an increase in vocations.

- **Feb 28th:** St Laurence O'Toole, Leongatha (4:30 – 5:30 PM)
- **Mar 14th:** St Joseph's, Wonthaggi (5:15 – 6:15 PM)
- **Mar 28th:** St Agatha's, Cranbourne (4:30 – 5:30 PM)
- **Apr 26th:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren (4:45 – 5:45 PM)

Please join us as we unite in prayer for the future of our Church.



**GRATITUDE AND THANKS:** To everyone who assisted in any way with the LAMP Youth Festival, on Saturday, Feb 7. It was, we can safely say, a resounding success, and left us in no doubt, that the witness, faith, and devotion of so many of the young people of our diocese, is truly alive.

Thanks be to God!

We pray that spiritual fruit will continue to be borne in the lives of all the young people who attended.

We also wish to offer our sincerest thanks to everyone who assisted in any way, this past week, with the St Carlo Acutis relic and associated exhibition. Special thanks to Rochelle Pereira, Melissa Vacca, the Servant Community of St Patrick's, Kate Hobbs, and all the volunteers who dedicated their time to greeting and guiding visitors who attended from near and far, and spent time with Our Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament, exposed on the altar each day.

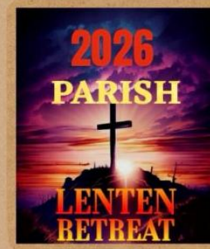
**POPE'S PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY: Children with incurable diseases.** The Pope's February intention urges Christians to pray for children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that they and their families receive the necessary medical care and support.

## St. Patrick's Servant Community



St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
138-142 Princes Highway, Pakenham

invites you to



**Repentance  
and  
Life in the Holy Spirit**



**Bro. Colin Calmiano**  
International Catholic Preacher

**DATES:**

**= February 28, 2026... 9:30 to 4:00PM**

**= March. 1, 2026..... 12:15 to 6:00PM**  
(Includes Mass both days)

For enquiries:  
Jean Claude-0410 126 415  
Rochelle - 0401017742  
Nisha - 0434919661

### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate      Truth-Telling**

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths, he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean *no*.

Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to *use* God's name in this way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)



Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them, but to fulfill them

Matthew 5:17  
Knowing-Jesus.com

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf Psalm 30:3-4**

Be my protector, O God, mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First Reading****Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless; he has given no one permission to sin.

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

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1**

**(R.)** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

**Second Reading****1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**Gospel Acclamation****Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have

come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

**The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon****Cf John 3:16**

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

**Next Week's Readings**

**First Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Second Reading**

**Romans 5:12-19, Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11**