



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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 21-22 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: 9.30am

Thu: 8.30am

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

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#### FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away

Tue: Away

Wed: Away

Thu: Away

Fri: Away

#### 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, 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



**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.

**CHOIR PRACTICES:** For Holy Thursday and Easter Saturday Vigil masses will be held in the church at **7.30pm on Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March**. All are welcome

**ST CARLO:** T-Shirts and books are back in stock. Please visit the table in the foyer after all Masses. Praise Jesus. A very big thank you to Fr Jeff, Fr Edward, Andrea, Terry, Katrina and all of the 65 volunteers who prayed, helped and supported us during the St Carlo exhibition. Many testimonies of blessings and miracles of St Carlo's intercession have already been coming through.

Thank you to all the parishioners and visitors who visited the St Carlo Relic and exhibition, and supported the fundraising efforts for our Adoration Chapel. God bless you all - Melissa and Rochelle.

## **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 John Burhop, 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:** Douglas Vanderwert, John Almeida, Patrick Bastians and Pat Johnson, 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.

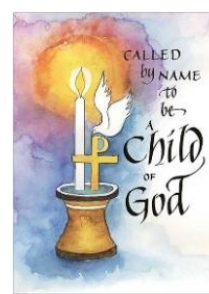
**ROSTERS:** For all Ministries are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to assist on your allocated date, ***it is your responsibility*** to swap with someone else.

**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. You will need to have a Working With Children Check. Please contact our safeguarding officer should you have any difficulty applying for one.

**AGEING AND AWAKENING - LIFE'S SURPRISING GIFTS:** Three two-hour sessions invite participants in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's to explore the many aspects of growing older in today's Australia. For more information, see the flyer in the church foyer

**Where:** St. Patrick's Parish, Pakenham Address 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham

**When:** 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, **Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Register:** Phone Parish Centre 5941 7315, leave your details on the sheet in the foyer or email [parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

## **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 28<sup>th</sup>:** St Laurence O'Toole, Leongatha (4:30 – 5:30 PM)
- **Mar 14<sup>th</sup>:** St Joseph's, Wonthaggi (5:15 – 6:15 PM)
- **Mar 28<sup>th</sup>:** St Agatha's, Cranbourne (4:30 – 5:30 PM)
- **Apr 26<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**HOLY WATER:** The reason behind the current lack of Holy Water is two-fold. The first is that we have begun our Lenten journey and have entered the desert wilderness, with Jesus. Having no Holy Water is a good reminder of the penitential nature of this season. The second is that the sump, through which the water reticulates, had become somewhat murky, so the timing of Lent to clean and refresh the water is providential. New water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil on April 4.



**PROJECT COMPASSION 2026:** Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza. Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Or online at [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) Or by calling: 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA  
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**PASTORAL & LITURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR LENT:** Provide important direction for our prayer, fasting, and communal life as we journey toward Easter. The full document is now available to read on the Diocesan website: [cdsale.org.au/news](http://cdsale.org.au/news)

**LENTEN MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP:** As we enter the season of Lent, **Bishop Greg Bennet** invites the faithful of the Diocese to reflect on our journey of renewal and spiritual growth. His Lenten message, offering guidance and encouragement for this holy season, is now available for all parishioners to read online. at [cdsale.org.au/news/lenten-message-2026](http://cdsale.org.au/news/lenten-message-2026).

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** On Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> we will welcome special guest: Kirsten Sayers - CEO of Caritas Australia, to St Patrick's parish.

As we continue our journey through Lent and support Project Compassion 2026, Kirsten's visit will offer us a unique opportunity to hear firsthand about the life-changing work that our parish and diocese supports. Kirsten brings a wealth of experience in global humanitarian leadership and is a passionate advocate for the world's most vulnerable communities.

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

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression.

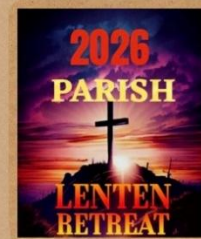
The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

## 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

Lunch provided on Saturday Feb 28  
Afternoon Tea provided on Sunday March 1

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf Psalm 90:15-16**

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3**

**(R.)** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

**Second Reading****Romans 5:12-19**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the

fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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

**Gospel Acclamation****Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel****Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

**The Gospel of the Lord – Praise to you Lord**

**Communion Antiphon****Matthew 4:4**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Next Week's Readings****First Reading****Genesis 12: 1-4,****Second Reading****Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 1:8-10****Gospel****Matthew 17:1-9**