



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 28 Feb – 1 Mar 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 (1st and 3rd)

WEEKDAYS

Mon: 9.30am - 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

BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.35 am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 11.15am

PARISH PRIEST

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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away
Tue: Away
Wed: Away
Thu: Office
Fri: 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

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or
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**, 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.

- **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. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 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 PATRICK'S THE VINE YOUTH: warmly invites year levels 7 to 12 as well as those 18 to 25 years to come & meet new friends, grow in faith, and in love of the Lord through His word. We meet on the 2nd and fourth Sundays on the month from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. For more info please contact Ruth 0487388767 or Matt 0487388773

MARY'S INTERCESSORY GROUP: Invite you, as a parish, to pray the devotion of the **First Five Saturday's**, starting with Mass at 9.30am on 7 March for the reparation of sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion consists in receiving Holy Communion, reciting five decades of the Rosary, going to Confession and meditating for fifteen minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary, for five consecutive months. Our Lady assures us of her assistance at the hour of our death, with the graces we need for the salvation of our souls. (please note the time change to reconciliation on that day).

ST PATRICK'S PARISH SERVANT COMMUNITY: Invites you for a Healing Mass on Thursday March 5, 2025 at 6.30pm with the Holy Rosary followed by Praise and Worship.

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 2nd Friday 7- 8.30pm

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP:

2nd & 4th 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

2nd 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 Joseph Murdoch, John Burhop, Amitha Liyanaarachchi, Sundeeep 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: Oswind Rebeiro, Antonio De Jesus, Tony Raos, Sam & Beryl Ellis, 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.

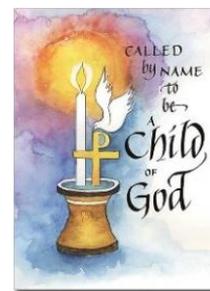
BAPTISMS: Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, 5.30pm, Wednesday, March 4th, in the Welcome room.

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



PADDY'S KITCHEN: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Paddy's Kitchen at St Patrick's Church continues to provide warm meals and support to members of our local community each Sunday afternoon. We are currently seeking additional volunteers to assist with food preparation, packing, serving, and general support. Whether you can help regularly or occasionally, your time and generosity will make a meaningful difference. If you feel called to serve or would like more information, please contact Tresa Andrews (0421931888- please message me with a name and I will contact you). Interested parishioners are also invited to add their name and contact number to the volunteer sheet in the church foyer. Together, we can continue to be the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

CARITAS: LONG WALK FOR WATER – PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

Project Compassion 2026 has officially launched! This year, Caritas Australia shares four powerful stories from around the world, featuring Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji, and Ahmad from Gaza. Their stories highlight resilience, hope, and determination in the face of adversity. As part of our Lenten commitment, St Patrick's Parish is proudly supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. As an alternative to Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, parishioners, families, and parish ministry groups are invited to take part in the Long Walk for Water.

This year, the parish has also set up an online fundraising page. Please scan the QR code or visit

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraiser/PakenhamCatholicParish>

- Donate through St Patrick's Parish
- Donate through an existing ministry group
- Set up your own fundraising team

Every contribution helps provide access to clean water, education, healthcare, and vital emergency support for vulnerable communities worldwide. This Lent, let us ***Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*** and help build a brighter future for all.



PROJECT COMPASSION: This weekend we warmly welcome our special guest, Kirsten Sayers — CEO of Caritas Australia and Siji Dominic — 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.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: It's time for our next get together. our March lunch will be at Cardinia Club on March 4th at 12:30. Everyone is welcome to join us. if you would like to come contact Kathy 0418679616 or com along on the day.

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.

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.

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

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 14th, 21st and 28th April 2026**

Register: Phone Parish Centre 5941 7315, leave your details on the sheet in the foyer or email 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.

- **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.

LENTEN CHARISMATIC RETREAT: Return to Me with All Your Heart" – Joel 2:12 Experience renewal and deeper prayer this Lent at St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. Refer notice board for more details.

VOCATIONS INVITATION: COME AND SEE: Are you discerning a call to ministry? The **Catholic Diocese of Sale** invites you to an afternoon of storytelling and fellowship. This is a wonderful **opportunity** to meet others on a similar journey and hear firsthand accounts from priests about their lives and their unique calls to ministry.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, 15th March 2026
- **Time:** 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
- **Location:** St Agatha's Parish Hall
- **Address:** 129-131 Sladen Street, Cranbourne, 3977

As the scripture reminds us, "the harvest is plentiful". Come and see where your path may lead.

Gospel focus – A new vision

by Greg Sunter

Peter sees the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

Questions for Adolescents

Why might Jesus have only taken three of his disciples up the mountain with him?

Why were the disciples frightened by what they saw?

Why might Jesus have warned the disciples to tell no one what they had seen?

Can you recall other biblical events in which mountaintops feature at special moments?

Why was it important for Jesus and the disciples to go back down the mountain?

Entrance Antiphon**Cf Psalm 26:8-9**

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading**Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**Gospel Acclamation****Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**Communion Antiphon Matthew 17:5**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next Week's Readings**First Reading****Exodus 17:3-7****Second Reading****Second Letter of Paul to the Romans 5:1-2,5-8****Gospel****John 4:5-42**