



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 7 - 8 March 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

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.30 am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 11.15am

PARISH PRIEST

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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away

Tue: Office

Wed: Office/Western Region Meeting

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



SERVANT COMMUNITY HOLY HOUR: The Servant Community warmly extends an invitation to our parish community to join in prayer for World peace and an end to war on 12 May from 7.00pm – 8.00pm the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS RE-ENACTMENT & TENEBRAE: We will be holding rehearsals for the Good Friday Stations of The Cross re-enactment, on Wednesday's 11th, 18th, and 25th of March from 5:30pm to 7.00pm. We will also be running the Tenebrae Service of Shadows on Wednesday 1st April and would need children to read. If any children are interested in joining either the Tenebrae Service of Shadows or the Good Friday Stations of the Cross re-enactment, please contact Maria 0433 640 828 or Auxillia 0405 844 557.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2026: All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for the **Stations of the Cross** at 7.00pm. 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.

- **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 6.30pm. 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March for about 45 minutes. Resources will be provided. Hope to see you there.

CHOIR PRACTICE: For Holy Thursday and Easter Saturday Vigil masses will be held in the church at **7.30pm on Wednesday 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

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 Mikaylah Piston, Joseph Murdoch, 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: Nicole Balmano, Lovely Varghese, Luc Theophile, Therese Theophile, Israel Francois, Suzanne Francois, Sylvio Francois, Natalie Babet, John Van Rensch, 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.

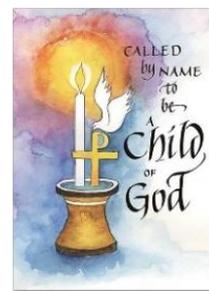
BAPTISMS: Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, 5.30pm, Wednesday, April 8th in the Welcome room.

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.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2026: Welcome to a new sacramental year! We are running Reconciliation and First Holy Communion together again this year with preparation starting in term 2 and celebrations happening in early term 3. Confirmation will run during Term 3. RCIA for 2026-2027 will be starting from Term 3 with a 35-week program.

A full list of dates for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation can be found on our parish website. At enrolments there will be a briefing about each sacrament and collection of the \$20 sacrament fee with enrolment forms.

RECONCILIATION/FHC ENROLMENTS: Thursday 23rd April 9 -10am & 3-4pm, Tuesday 27th April 6:30-7:30pm and Thursday 30th April 3-5pm

Catechist learning program: For students not attending our parish schools

Weekly sessions on Wednesdays 5-6pm in the Parish Hall – 1st session: Wednesday 27th May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: During the weekly masses on Saturday 25th or Sunday 25th July and Saturday 1st or Sunday 2nd August. Please email our Sacramental Coordinator Mary Robinson at: sacraments@stpartickspakenham.com.au

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

CARITAS: LONG WALK FOR WATER - PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

Project Compassion 2026 has officially launched! This year, Caritas Australia shares four powerful stories. 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.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA
**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026: Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future. 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 Or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*. Donate today: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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.

LENTE 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.

Our Sacred Site

Reflection by Michael Tate

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as *our* sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

Entrance Antiphon**Cf Psalm 24:15-16**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading**Exodus 17:3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8****(R.)** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading**Romans 5:1-2. 5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation****See John 4:42. 15**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel**John 4:5-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact,

do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus, 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**Communion Antiphon****John 4:13-14**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.