



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 14-15 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: 9.30am & 6.00pm **St Patrick's Day**

Wed: 9.30am Church
11.40am St Clare's School

Thu: 9.30am

Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 9.30am Service of the Word

NO RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am - 10.30am

NO 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/Ballarat

Thu: Ballarat/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



ST PATRICK'S DAY: The parish will celebrate Masses on the Solemnity of our parish patron at **9.30am** and **6.00pm**, Tuesday, 17th of March. Following the **6.00pm evening Mass**, everyone is warmly invited to gather in the hall for a **cuppa and a shared "bring-a-plate" supper** as we celebrate this special day together as a parish community.

HOLY WEEK 2026

ST PATRICK'S PARISH, PAKENHAM

Friday 20th March

7.30 pm

Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday 1st April

Tenebrae 7.00 pm

(Service of the Shadows)

Holy Thursday 2nd April

The Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm

Good Friday 3rd April

Stations of the Cross 10.00 am

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm

Saturday 4th April

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

9.00 am and 10.30 am

(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)



PALM SUNDAY / HOLY WEEK ROSTERS:

If you would like to assist with any of the ministries on Palm Sunday or the Easter celebrations, please add your name to the rosters in the church foyer. **We kindly ask everyone to be considerate of others and avoid placing your name for multiple ministries so that more parishioners have the opportunity to serve.** Your help is greatly appreciated.

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:
Is on Hold

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: Corry Van Diemen who died recently, and for Judith Alfelortanay, Joseph Savy, 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'.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please email or contact the parish office. Donations can be made in 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.

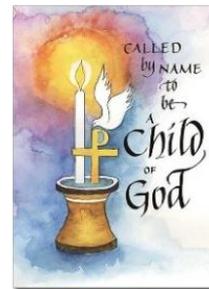
ROSTERS: For all Ministries are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to assist on your allocated date, **it is your responsibility** to swap with someone else.

BAPTISMS: Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are required to first 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

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



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 early in term 3. Confirmation will also 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/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 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@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS RE-ENACTMENT & TENEBRAE: Rehearsals for the Good Friday Stations of The Cross re-enactment: Wednesday 18th and 25th of March from 5:30 to 7.00pm. We will also be running the Tenebrae Service of Shadows on Wednesday 1st April and need children to read. Any children 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.

- **20/03** - Sri Lankan Community
- **27/03** - St Mary's Intercessory Group

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM: Every Tuesday at 6.30pm until March 31st for about 45 minutes. Resources provided. Hope to see you there.

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

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@stpatrikspakenham.com.au

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: available at the reduced price of \$5.00 from the piety stall or parish office.

CARITAS: LONG WALK FOR WATER - PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

This year, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 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.



Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support of Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

Please donate today through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate, or by calling: 1800024413. Let's *Unite Against Poverty this Lent!*

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 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.

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Do you feel overwhelmed by the demands of a busy world? Join facilitator **Chris Roga** at the **Heart of Life: Centre for Formation & Spirituality** for a day dedicated to the "prayer of the heart". This simple yet powerful practice invites you to move beyond the noise of daily life and rest in the stillness of God's presence. **Date:** Saturday, 21st March, **Cost:** \$90.00 AUD. **Register now:** Visit the Heart of Life website to book your place.

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.

4WD TRIP TO MARTHVALE / HAUNTED STREAM: Fri 27th to Sun 29th March. Leaving Newry Friday morning at 10 a.m. travelling to Marthavale Ghost town via Lindenow. (Camping 2 nights at Marthavale). **2WD and Caravan accessible for people who want to meet us there.**

Day trip on Saturday to Haunted Stream track, returning via Tambo Crossing Spur track.

Mass with Fr Jeff Kleyjnans on Sunday morning before travelling home.

Cost: Nil. **Self-catered.** (Bring all food / water / other drinks and snacks). Donation for fuel if not traveling in own vehicle.

Who: All are welcome!! **Enquiries / Further Details:** Don Dwyer 0428556636 christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Stevie Wonder, the famous singer and musician who is blind, once remarked that just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn't mean he lacks vision. What do you think he meant? What do you think we need to learn from him?

Jesus cured a man born blind. That man had more 'vision' than the Pharisees, who could see. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us about spiritual and physical blindness?

What is the most incredible thing you have ever seen: a lunar eclipse? a rainbow? a shooting star? a peacock showing off its feathers? a butterfly on a flower? fireworks? How could you describe this incredible sight to a person who is blind?

What do you think would be the most difficult part of being blind? If you are blind, talk about what the most difficult part is for you.

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Isaiah 66:10-11**
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful,
all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at
her consoling breast.

First Reading **1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13**
The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and
go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I
have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When
Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and
thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands
there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel,
'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for
I have rejected him; God does not see as man
sees; man looks at appearances, but the Lord
looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons
to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord
has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are
these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There
is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking
after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send
for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.'
Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion,
with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord
said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At
this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed
him where he stood with his brothers; and the
spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed
with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 22 R. v.1**
**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house
shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Ephesians 5:8-14**
You were darkness once, but now you are light in
the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects
of the light are seen in complete goodness and
right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord

wants of you, having nothing to do with the
futile works of darkness but exposing them by
contrast. The things which are done in secret
are things that people are ashamed even to
speak of; but anything exposed by the light
will be illuminated and anything illuminated
turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake
up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and
Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **John 8:12**
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever
follows me will have the light of life. Glory to
you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John** **John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had
been blind from birth. He spat on the ground,
made a paste with the spittle, put this over the
eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and
wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means
'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed
himself, and came away with his sight restored.
His neighbours and people who earlier had
seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who
used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the
same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like
him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man. They
brought the man who had been blind to the
Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus
made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so
when the Pharisees asked him how he had come
to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and
I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the
Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he
does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How
could a sinner produce signs like this?' And
there was disagreement among them. So they
spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to
say about him yourself, now that he has opened
your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are
you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a
sinner through and through, since you were born!'
And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had
driven him away, and when he found him he
said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'
'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that
I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are
looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man
said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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