

St Patrick's Parish



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

WEB: www.stpatrickspakenham.com.au

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 21-22 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

11.00am Funeral Prayers Nathaniel Byers

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

Fr Jeff Kleynjans

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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away

Tue: Office

Wed: Office

Thu: Office/Warragul

Fri: Away Marthavale

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



HOLY WEEK 2026

ST PATRICK'S PARISH, PAKENHAM

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)



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.

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

THE SOULS OF: Eva Marie, Mark Stowe & Nathaniel Byers who died recently, and for Joyce Fernando, Briton Rodrigo, Brian Atkins, Douglas Vanderwert, 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.

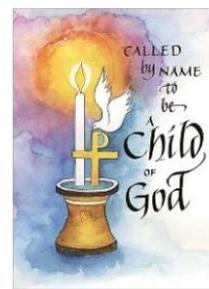
ROSTERS: For all Ministries are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to assist on your allocated date, **it is your responsibility** to swap with someone else.

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 weekend masses on Saturday 25th or Sunday 25th July and Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August. Please email our Sacramental Coordinator Mary Robinson at:

sacraments@stpartickspakenham.com.au

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 - **27/03** - St Mary's Intercessory Group.

All parishioners are welcome to our Good Friday Stations of the Cross on Friday 3 April 2026 at 10.00 at St Patrick's school ground.

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.

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: In preparation for Advent neighbouring parishes will be holding a service at 7.00pm on the following days:

24th March Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren

25th March St Agatha's Cranbourne

26th March St Michael's Berwick

27th March St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North

INVITATION TO ANNUAL CHRISM MASS: You are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, 31st March 2026. This ancient and symbolically rich liturgy manifests the unity of the priests of the Diocese with Bishop Greg as they renew their priestly promises. During the liturgy, Bishop Greg will bless the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese for the year. The Chrism Mass is a great way to come to a deeper appreciation of the sacramental life of the Church. Details: 11.00am Tuesday, 31st March 2026 Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Address: 47 Foster St, Sale, 3850. **For those who are interested in attending please contact the parish office before the 24th of March 2026.**

CHOIR PRACTICE: Our final 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

PADDY'S KITCHEN EASTER EGGS DONATIONS: boxes are available in church foyer for your kind and generous donation. God Bless - Paddy's Team.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: We are well into the new year now. We will love to have some more parishioners join us. So if you want to have a nice lunch with friendly people please join us. April's lunch is on April 1st at Railway Hotel in Main Street (near the station) at 12:30. If you would like to come contact Kathy 0418679616 or join us on the day.

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

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

2026 DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND FEAST: Refer noticeboard for more details.

AGEING AND AWAKENING - LIFE'S SURPRISING GIFTS: Three two-hour sessions for 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

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. Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code, calling: 1800 024 413. or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



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.

4WD TRIP TO MARTHVALE / HAUNTED STREAM: Fri 27th to Sun 29th March. Leaving Newry Friday morning at 10 a.m. travelling to Marthvale Ghost town via Lindenow. (Camping 2 nights at Marthvale). **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

Entrance Antiphon**Cf Psalm 42:1-2**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 129. R. v.7****(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading**Romans 8:8-11**

who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation****See John 11:25. 26**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel**John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45**

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**Communion Antiphon****Cf John 11:26**

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.