



# St Patrick's Parish



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

**WEB: [www.stpatrickspakenham.com.au](http://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](mailto:safeguarding@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20-21 June 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: 8.30am**

Thu: 9.30am

Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

Sat: 10.00am - 10.30am

### EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.00 - 10.45 am

### BAPTISMS

Designated Saturdays: 11.15am

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans

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Terry Wynne

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### FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away

Tue: Away

Wed: Away

Thu:

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)

**Catholic Care:** 1800 522 076 or

1 Rogers Street Pakenham

(Counselling Services)

## ST FRANCIS' PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of  
Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me  
sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I

may not so much seek to be

consoled as to console; to be

understood as to understand; to

be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are

pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born

again to eternal life.

Amen



**UPDATING PARISH RECORDS:** To help us keep our parish records accurate and up to date, we kindly invite all parishioners to review and update their personal details, including your home address, email address, and phone number. Keeping this information current allows us to stay connected and share important parish news and updates with you. You can update your details by visiting St Patrick's website, selecting the About tab, then scrolling down to Forms and clicking on Form 1. Please complete and submit the form at your earliest convenience or email [safeguarding@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:safeguarding@stpatrickspakenham.com.au).

Thank you for your time, assistance, and continued support of our parish community – Safeguarding Officer Terry.

**A 'LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST' WORKSHOP:** Will be held at St Patrick's on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Should you wish to register please contact the parish office. All those who complete the workshop will be commissioned in a separate ceremony as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Please email Andrea – [parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**PASTORAL MISSION COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** We are seeking expressions of interest from committed parishioners who would like to contribute to the life and mission of our parish by serving on the Pastoral Mission Council, or the Finance Committee. These committees play an important role in supporting the pastoral, spiritual, and financial wellbeing of our parish community. If you would like to share your skills, experience, and commitment to the future of our parish, please submit an expression of interest to Fr Jeff at [Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.au).

## **PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS**

### **SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA**

After 9.00am Mass in the Hall

### **PADDY'S KITCHEN**

Sundays between 4-4.30pm

Contact Tresa: 0421 931 888

### **MARTHA & MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP ROSARY**

Tuesday 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 7.00pm

Contact Jean-Claude: 0410 126 415

### **D'VINE KIDS**

Children's Faith formation program:

Is on Hold

### **THE VINE YOUTH GROUP:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<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 10.00am

Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

### **SEWING GROUP**

Thursday 10.00am

Contact Cheryl 0417 124 881

Email: cbillingsmith@yahoo.com.au

### **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 Christine Buckler, Virginia Hilario Henderson, Steve Piper, Lyn Vogrig, Joseph Murdoch, John Burhop, & Liam Shadforth.

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

**THE SOULS OF:** Badjek Delos-Reyes who died recently and Geoffrey Macatol, Merlinda Obando, Thrisa Fernandez, Mercia Wickramasinghe, Cecilia Rajadurai, Joso Kruljac, and Paisami Setu 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 [parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au) or contact Andrea at the parish office. Donations can be made in cash to the office or transferred to our St Patrick's Parish Donations Account. BSB 083879 Account No 75 5770740, please mention a reference in the description.

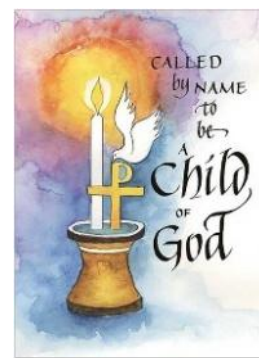
**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Must be sent to the parish office by 10.00am Thursday.

**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 child/ren Baptised are required to first attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, July 1st** in the Church. Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

**RCIA FOR 2026-2027:** Will be starting in Term 3 with an information session on July 21<sup>st</sup> and will run over 35 weeks. Any other questions or enquiries, please contact our Sacrament Coordinator: Mary Robinson at: [sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**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)



## **SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2026**

Our Sacrament program for this year is in full swing!

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM:** Congratulations to all St. Clare's, St. Patrick's and catechist children who have celebrated their first reconciliation. Enrolments are now closed for the reconciliation and first holy communion program. Commitment masses for all First Holy Communion candidates will be held the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Bookings are still open for the First Holy Communion masses. A full list of dates for the remaining First Holy Communion events, link to booking information, and helpful resources for families can be found on our parish website.

**CONFIRMATION:** Enrolment starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June (last week of this term) and will finish the first week of Term 3. Preparation will run during Term 3 and will be open to children in grade 6 and above.

**RCIA:** Information gathering will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July at 7pm in the parish hall. Initiates, families, and any from the wider community that would like to support in the RCIA process this year are invited to attend.

**BAPTISM AND SACRAMENT VOLUNTEERS:** We are still seeking volunteers to assist with the sacrament program. Any interest or questions please reach out to Mary - [sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP:** we had a good turn out last month and it was great to see a couple of new faces. In July we are going to Cardinia Club in Racecourse Road on 1st July at 12:30. We would love to see more new faces. If you would like to come contact Kathy 0418679616 or come along on the day.

**CBS DISCOVER THE WORD:** Community Bible Study has commenced and is on Monday's at 7.00pm with the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Claus Zirkel on 0424 246 621.

**NEW PAPAL ENCYCLICAL: *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*:** Pope Leo XIV has released an historic first encyclical entitled, '*Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.*' Our bishops have warmly welcomed this crucial message. Everyone is highly encouraged to read their full response and explore the encyclical's teachings by visiting the Catholic Diocese of Sale website: [www.cdsale.org.au/news/](http://www.cdsale.org.au/news/) In the encyclical, the Holy Father reflects on how we can protect human dignity, relationships, and the value of human work as Artificial Intelligence transforms our world.

The third chapter analyzes the anthropological and ethical challenge posed by Artificial Intelligence and the emerging technologies. The text uses two biblical images to describe human action:

**Tower of Babel:** Represents the risk of progress guided by the desire for domination, where technical efficiency can become "an idol" that dehumanizes and fragments relationships.

**Reconstruction of Jerusalem (Nehemiah):** Represents the model of shared responsibility, where technology is used to heal wounds and rebuild social bonds in a participatory manner.

**Questions for reflection:**

- Do I feel that my life is becoming "more human" thanks to the technological tools I use, or do I perceive that I am becoming less capable of listening, more impatient, and more focused on immediate results?
- Does our family, parish, or church group resemble a centralized project where a few decide everything (Babel) or a construction site where everyone, as in the time of Nehemiah, contributes their "piece" with responsibility and a participatory style?
- Do I accept my limitations (of time, knowledge, fatigue) as a space that opens me to the help of God and others, or do I seek in technology an "infinite power" that makes me believe I never need anyone?

**CDF CATHOLIC CONNECT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: NAVIGATING CHANGE WITH CONFIDENCE AND PURPOSE:**

Rising costs, workforce pressures and global uncertainty are placing growing demands on leaders across the Catholic and for-purpose sectors. How do we respond with confidence, resilience and a clear sense of purpose? Join Catholic Development Fund (CDF) for an afternoon of forward-looking discussion, featuring leading economist Ivan Colhoun alongside panellists, Professor Elizabeth Labone (CEO, VCEA), Martin Teulan (Executive Director, AMPJP) and John McClusky (CEO, CDF).

**Wednesday 29 July 2026 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Greg Craven Centre, Australian Catholic University (ACU), Melbourne**

Register at: [cdsale.org.au/events/cdf-catholic-connect](http://cdsale.org.au/events/cdf-catholic-connect)

**CENSUS 2026: HELP US COUNT AND PLAN FOR OUR COMMUNITY:** On Tuesday, 11 August, Australia will hold its national Census. We encourage everyone in our faith community to actively fill out the optional religion question and stand up for their beliefs.

**Why it matters:** The data collected from the Census is invaluable for pastoral planning. It helps our parishes, schools, dioceses, and social service organisations understand the changing demographics of our regions. This information ensures we can accurately plan for ministry, mission work, and essential community services like healthcare, schooling, and welfare support.

No matter how often you are able to attend Mass, your faith is a vital part of who you are. Please make sure you are counted. For more information and to read the full media release from the National Centre for Pastoral Research, please visit: [cdsale.org.au/news](http://cdsale.org.au/news)

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

[Fr Michael passed away, aged 80 years, on June 5, 2026. Please pray for the rest of his immortal soul]

### ***House-tops and Sparrows***

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. During the warfare that raged there, that Christian community faced terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

### **Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 27:8-9**

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### **First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14**

**(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the  
Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn  
his servants in their chains. Let the heavens  
and the earth give him praise, the sea and  
all its living creatures. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading Romans 5:12-15**

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 word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation John 15:26. 27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord – Praise to your Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Communion Antiphon Psalm 144:15**

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

### **Next Week's Readings**

#### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

#### **Second Reading**

**St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23**

#### **Gospel**

**Matthew 13:1-23**