



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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th & 12th July 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 Service of the Word
Wed: 9.30am Service of the Word
Thu: 9.30am Service of the Word
Fri: 9.30am Service of the Word
Sat: 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

Sat 10.00am – 10.30am

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.00am – 10.45am

BAPTISMS

Designated Saturdays: 11.15am

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans

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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Clergy Inservice - Carlton

Tue: Clergy Inservice - Carlton

Wed: Clergy Inservice - Carlton

Thu: Clergy Inservice - Carlton

Fri: Clergy Inservice - Carlton

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)

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 to

eternal life.

Amen



ANNUAL CLERGY IN-SERVICE: Fr Jeff and Fr Edward together with Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Sale Diocese will be at Corpus Christi College Carlton this week. Please keep them in your prayers. **(No weekday masses will be celebrated from the 13th – 17th July 2026.**

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION: A sum of \$742.95 was collected - thank you for your valuable contributions.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL: A collection will be taken up next week 18th/19th July. This year help for those experiencing poverty, hardship and support is needed more than ever due to the difficult times existing. Please support SVDP Winter Appeal and help us to support those in need of a helping hand. You can donate on the appeal weekend or place a donation in the poor box anytime. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

SAFETRAC TRAINING REMINDER: Volunteers in the parish who are required to complete Safetrac training online may receive an email or a text message with details about their assigned training modules. Please ensure that all required training is completed by 15th August 2026. Your cooperation and timely completion of this training helps us to maintain a safe and welcoming parish community. Thank you for your support. Safeguarding Officer, Terry Wynne.

HOLIDAYS: Andrea, our Parish Secretary, will be on leave from 22 July to 23 August. During this time, if you have any urgent enquiries or require assistance, please feel free to leave a message on the parish phone, send an email to the parish office, or email/speak with our parish priest, Fr Jeff or assistant priest, Fr Edward. We will do our best to assist you and appreciate your patience during this period. Thank you for your understanding.

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:

2nd & 4th Sundays 3.00-4.30pm.

Contact: Matt or Ruth 0487388767

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 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 Elly Gross, Margaret Gudgeon, Pierre Bonne, 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: Jelka Kvesic who died recently and Bibiana Simba, Anne De Silva, Iona Van Ranzow, Titus Andrews, Tony Gudgeon 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: With Andrea on leave, please speak to either Fr Jeff or Fr Edward for any Mass intentions between July 22 & August 24, and they will endeavour to accommodate your request, provided there isn't already an intention booked on that date. Mass stipends can be made directly to the priest.

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: This weekend we welcome Caity & Ella Spierings, Adelina Hoang, Elainora Kinnaird & Lina Rattle. Parents wishing to have their child/ren Baptised are required to first attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, August 5th** in the Church.

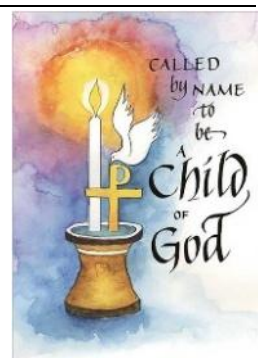
Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

RCIA FOR 2026-2027: Information gathering will be held on the 21st 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. Any other questions or enquiries, please contact our Sacrament Coordinator: Mary Robinson at:

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



SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2026

Our Sacrament program for this year is in full swing!

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM: Enrolments are now closed for the reconciliation and first holy communion program.

Upcoming dates: *Blessing of the Children* masses are the weekend of 18th - 19th July;

Reflection Day for all children taking part in the program on the 22nd of July from 9:30-2:30pm. Please check the parish website for all dates, booking information, and helpful resources for families.

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment has started. **Remaining enrolment dates:** Tuesday 14th of July 6:30-7:30pm and Thursday 16th of July 3-5pm. Forms are to be returned at the **Commitment Masses** the weekend of 8th - 9th of August. Preparation catechist sessions for children not attending our parish schools will run weekly from the 12th of August on Wednesdays from 5-6pm in the parish hall.

BAPTISM AND SACRAMENT VOLUNTEERS: We are still seeking volunteers to assist with the sacrament program. A current Working with Children Check will be required. Any interest or questions please reach out to Mary - sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: Join us for fun, learn about your faith and fellowship with some food! New faces welcome! 18 and over must hold a current WWC Enquiries call or text Matt or Ruth 0487388767. Dates for Term 3 are July 12th, 26th August 9th, 23rd Sep 13th

PADDY'S KITCHEN: Thank you for your generous donations to Paddy's Kitchen. Your support helps us provide meals to those in need in our community. Please note that, for food safety reasons, we are unable to accept or store fresh or raw meat donations. Non-perishable food items are always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER: Community Bible Study will continue after the school holidays from Monday 20 July at 7.00pm with the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Claus on 0424 246 621.

SEA SUNDAY – JULY 12: REMEMBERING THE 'INVISIBLE' SEAFARERS: This Sunday is Sea Sunday, a time to remember the world's mariners who endure extreme isolation, dangerous seas, and intense loneliness to transport the goods we rely on daily. National Director Fr Tony Cox SSC reminds us that because they work far from land, seafarers are often "invisible" and forgotten. Stella Maris Australia (under the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service) supports these workers by providing spiritual and material aid and advocating for their human dignity. Read Cardinal Michael Czerny's official message in the Media Release at cdsale.org.au/news

NEW PAPAL ENCYCLICAL: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS:

Pope Leo XIV has released his historic first encyclical, '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/

VENEZUELA EMERGENCY APPEAL: On 24 June 2026, Venezuela was struck by two major earthquakes measuring 7.2 and 7.5 in magnitude, impacting the nation's central and northern regions. Our partner, Caritas Venezuela, has begun mobilising relief efforts, including the delivery of vital support such as water, food, sanitation and shelter. Funds raised through the appeal will support Caritas Venezuela's emergency response, delivered in partnership with local communities and the Church. Please visit our website: <https://www.caritas.org.au/venezuela>

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: 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM. Greg Craven Centre, Australian Catholic University (ACU), Melbourne Register at: cdsale.org.au/events/cdf-catholic-connect

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2026: FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Pray with the Pope: For respect for human life

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord of life,

You created us in love and called us to live in fullness.

Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face,

from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth.

Today we ask for the grace to recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being.

May we learn to welcome life unconditionally, to tenderly care for fragility, to accompany each stage with respect, and to bravely defend those who have no voice.

Forgive us, Lord, when we fall into indifference or the culture of discard, when we fail to see in others a being worthy of love.

Give us a new heart, always ready to choose life, and generous hands that protect it through concrete actions.

Make your Church a living witness of the Gospel of life, an open home where every life is celebrated, where no one feels unwanted, and where dignity is always honoured, and protected.

Lord Jesus,

may we love life as You love it: with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving.

May we proclaim, in words and actions, that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves.

Amen.



Entrance Antiphon**Cf Psalm 16:15**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading**Isaiah 55:10-11**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8**

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading**Romans 8:18-23**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Communion Antiphon**Cf Psalm 83:4-5**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.