



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

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 & 19 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 6.00pm

Wed: 8.30am

Thu: 8.00am

Fri: 9.30am

Sat: 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Sat 10.00am – 10.30am

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.00am – 10.45am

BAPTISMS

Designated Saturdays: 11.15am

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Jeff Kleynjans

Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.au

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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Priest Support Group

Tue: Priest Support Group/Office

Wed: Office

Thu: Yarragon

Fri: Office

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR EDWARD: Wishing you a very happy birthday, Fr Edward. May God continue to guide and bless you in your ministry with good health, joy, and abundant graces. Have a wonderful and blessed day!

SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X: In recent days, we have learned about the consecration of four bishops in the Society of St Pius X (the Society) that occurred without a mandate from the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV and against his earnest entreaty for the Society to retrace their steps. As a result, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith has exercised its authority and declared this to be a schismatic act. It means that the bishops who performed the consecrations and the four priests who were consecrated have been excommunicated. It also has implications for the members of the Society of St Pius X. Catholics are encouraged to remain in full communion with Pope Leo XIV and the wider Catholic Church. For some members of the community this means refraining from participating in Society of St Pius X ceremonies. Those who are affected by this situation or seeking guidance are encouraged to speak with their local parish priest. We keep Pope Leo XIV, those involved in the SSPX, and all who are experiencing confusion or distress at this time in our prayers. May the Lord grant healing, peace, and unity to His Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL: Collection will be taken up this weekend to help those experiencing poverty, hardship and support which is needed more than ever due to the difficult times that currently exist. 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

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 Rose Bennette, Elly Gross, Margaret Gudgeon, Pierre Bonne, Christine Buckler, Virginia Henderson, Steve Piper, Lyn Vogrig, Joseph Murdoch, John Burhop, & Liam Shadforth.

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

THE SOULS OF: Jameson O'Reilly, Peter Arokiasamy, Ezra & Michael Cooray, John Catajay, Marie Stephen 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: 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.

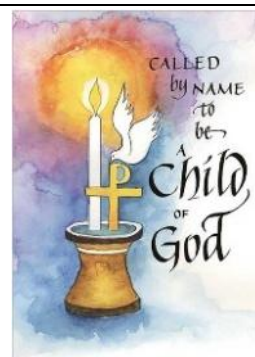
Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The parish will be celebrating our First Holy Communion celebration weekends 25/26 July and 1st and 2nd August at all Masses.

CONFIRMATION: 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

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

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

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.

MARY MACKILLOP: A SAINT OF OUR TIME:

Did you know? Mary MacKillop is Australia's very first canonised saint! Her life was dedicated to breaking down barriers, providing education to the poor, and standing up for the vulnerable. Her legacy continues to inspire people all over the world to make a real, meaningful difference today.

Want to learn how we can draw inspiration from her fearless life to tackle modern challenges? Join us online for an inspiring evening!

- **Presenter:** Sr Rita Malavasi RSJ
- **Date:** Thursday, 6th August 2026
- **Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **Venue:** Online

Registration: Scan the QR code on the flyer or use the details below: **Web:** cdsale.org.au/events

Phone: 61 3 5614 5163

Email: newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:

Applications are open! The **St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust** is currently offering scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in **leadership/ministry** or a **specialised activity** (such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice, and pastoral care). If you are looking to strengthen your skills and serve your community, you are encouraged to apply.

- **Closing Date:** Friday 31 July 2026 **Information & Application Forms:** Please visit uacpallottines.au

EUCHARIST: Retreat for Children & Teens Ages 5 to 15 on August Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd and 23 from 9.00am to 3.30pm at Holy Family Church 100 Power Road Doveton. For parents who wish to enrol their children to the retreat can visit our website www.divinekids.com.au

Saint Patrick's Servant Community
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
138-142 Princes Highway, Pakenham

Invites you to

THE APOSTOLATE OF
our Lady of
Guadalupe

TO INTRODUCE THE MIRACULOUS
MANTLE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY
Bishop His Excellency
Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez,
ARCHBISHOP OF GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

When: Friday – 31st of July 2026
9:30AM Mass
10:00am – 12:00pm – ADORATION
* And the opportunity to be wrapped by Mary's Mantle
** Donations will go for the Adoration Chapel

CONTACTS:
Rochelle - 0401 017 752
Nisha - 0434 919 661

When words fail

by Michael Tate

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

Entrance Antiphon**Psalm 53:6,8**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading Wisdom**12:13.16-19**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5****Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans**8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation See Matthew****11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew**13:24-43**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

And expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon Psalm**110:4-5**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.