



# 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)

**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19-20 September**

**Third Sunday of the Season of Creation, 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: 9.30am  
Thu: 9.30am  
Fri: 9.30am  
Sat: 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

Sat 10.00am - 10.30am

### EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sat: 10.00am - 10.45am

### BAPTISMS

Designated Saturdays: 11.15am

### PARISH PRIEST

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### FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away  
Tue: Office  
Wed: Office  
Thu: Office  
Fri: Office/AFL Public Holiday

### 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)



## Prayer

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

**Amen**

**FLOWER ROSTER:** We are seeking a few more volunteers to join our Flower Roster and help arrange fresh flowers in the church each week. Some of our wonderful volunteers have recently had to step away, so we would love to welcome some new helpers. You don't need to commit every week - just a few times a year would be a great help! If you are able to help, please add your name to the Volunteer Sheet in the foyer or contact Andrea in the Parish Office. Thank you for helping us keep our church looking beautiful and welcoming. 🌸

**VOTIVE CANDLE STAND:** A gentle reminder that the votive candles are not free. We need to pay the electricity bill to keep this devotion going, so we kindly ask that a donation be made when lighting each candle. Lighting without a payment equates to theft, so we appreciate your honesty.

## DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT: NAVIGATING THE UNSEEN - WOMEN LEADING WITH RESILIENCE:

Women from across the diocese are warmly invited to gather for an evening dinner and talk celebrating the strength, resilience, and expanding horizons of women in the mission of the Catholic Church. Guest speaker **Dr. Kim Daniels** - Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, and member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication - will share insights on leadership, faith, and renewal on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. St Patrick's Parish Hall. Cost \$30 per person includes dinner and soft drinks. **Numbers are limited**, so bookings are essential by **October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Secure your tickets by scanning the QR code on the promotional flyers in the foyer, or online at [trybooking.com/DOZKU](http://trybooking.com/DOZKU). Interested men are also welcome.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 'Take courage! I have overcome the world':

Thank you to those young people who have offered to be part of a WYD working group to assist young people from our parish to attend World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, 2027. We are now seeking expressions of interest to attend WYD from those young people aged 16-35 years, by adding your name to the list in the foyer. n.b., all 16-year-olds must have reached the age of 16 years on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2027. We plan to have an inaugural meeting early in Term 4, on a date TBC.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Fr Peter Slater, Rose Carter, Mauri Priyanga, Maria Domingo, Elly Gross, Margaret Gudgeon, Steve Piper, Lyn Vogrig, Joseph Murdoch, John Burhop.

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

**THE SOULS OF:** Sr Teresa Lanigan SGS, June O'Flynn, Natividad Escarez, Jacob Fernandez Arokiasamy and Lynette De Bona who died recently and Moses Zacharias, T Francis, Rosalina Plaza, K A Sebastian, Michael and Ranjini Nissanka & Maryse Fernandez 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'**

**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.

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome: Zahli Rose Baratta.

Parents wishing to have their child/ren Baptised are required to first attend a Baptism Preparation Session.

Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October** in the Church.

Please enrol via the parish website or call Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

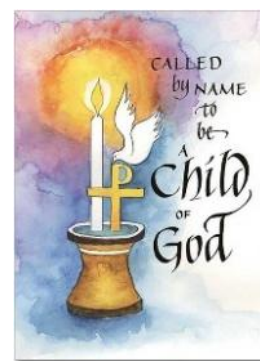
**RCIA FOR 2026-2027:** For further questions or enquiries, please contact our Sacrament Coordinator: Mary Robinson at:

[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)

**SACRAMENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S:** Our formal sacrament program for 2026 has come to an end after the uplifting Confirmation ceremonies last weekend. Thank you to everyone: participants, parents, families, friends, teachers, clergy, music ministry and the wider parish community for your support of our sacrament program this year. Please find a QR code linked to a feedback form for this year's program. We aim to deliver an informative and engaging sacrament program in years to come and seek your help refining things. If you have any questions or further feedback, please reach out to **Mary Robinson - Sacrament Coordinator** at [sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto: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. Next gathering will start after the school holidays, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**THE VINE YOUTH GAMES NIGHT:** Will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September from 5pm to 8.00pm. Praise & Worship, Games and Food. Bring a friend! Please contact Ruth on 0487388767 to confirm attendance.

**AGEING and AWAKENING - LIFE'S SURPRISING GIFTS:** Growing old is a unique experience that we share with many others in society today. It's a time of life that both challenges and benefits us, a time that invites us to grow personally as we manage changes such as retirement, having more time and fewer demands, and experiencing physical and psychological limits. The ageing process is enriched if we take stock of our lives and take charge of how we might live now and into the future. 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. For more information, see the flyer in the church foyer. Where: St. Patrick's Parish, Pakenham Address: 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, Vic 3810

When: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, Tuesdays 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October

Cost: \$10 per session or a small donation

Register: Contact the office 5941 7315, leave your details on the sheet in the foyer or email the parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au



**Living Water**  
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water  
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Our Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, and embracing interconnectedness, as we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

**EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER:** Community Bible Study will resume on the 12 October 2026 at 7.00pm. with the current focus on the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Claus on 0424 246 621.

**ROSTERS FOR READING AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The rosters are not quite finalised yet, but they will be available for collection over the weekend of **3-4 October**. In the meantime, we have added the names of the volunteers for the weekends of **26-27 September and 3-4 10-11 October** to the list in the foyer. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**THE RITUAL AND THE REASON: EXPLORING THE PARTS OF THE MASS:** The Diocese is inviting parishioners to a special formation session exploring the meaning behind the rituals of the Mass. Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Come and explore *what* we do and *why* we do it - from the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing - so that we can listen, respond, and be transformed by God's presence. **The Diocese would particularly love to see members of our St Patrick's choirs, and other ministries take part in this wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Mass and our role in its celebration.** There are two sessions to choose from:

**Narre warren (Our Lady Help of Christians):** Saturday, 10th oct 2026 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Traralgon (St Michael's):** Saturday, 17th oct 2026 10:00am - 3:00pm **register today:**

**online:** [cdsale.org.au/events](https://cdsale.org.au/events) **phone:** 61 3 5614 5163  
**email:** [newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au)

**CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2026:** The 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 September, with this year's theme focusing on young people: *"Even just one of these children"* (Mt 18:10). The Church invites us to look beyond statistics, to recognise the dignity of children and youth affected by migration and forced displacement, and respond with compassion and solidarity. Dedicated prayer resources, reflections, and educational materials have been prepared by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) to help families, parishes, and schools mark this occasion. To read the full message and access the resources, please visit: [www.cdsale.org.au/news/celebrate-the-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees](https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/celebrate-the-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees). Our Lady Help of Christians will be holding a celebration on Sunday, 27 September 2026 at 1.30pm, please contact the Narre Warren parish if you wish to join them on this day, and or bring a plate to share after Mass. Please see notice board for more details.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: CELEBRATING THE EIGHTH CENTENARY OF HIS DEATH:** Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the **Franciscan Jubilee Year** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. This sacred journey is not about physical distance, but a journey of the heart. Together, pilgrims will travel to **Benambra** - nestled amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains - home to the only church in our diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi. **Please refer to the notice board for more details and registrations.**

All are warmly welcome to be part of this unforgettable diocesan pilgrimage. Please organise own accommodation and transportation. For more information visit: [cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi](https://cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi)

## SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?



**Inviting you to a HEALING MASS**

**On**

**THURSDAY - September 24, 2026**

**Fr. Edgar Boglosa, PACEM**

**Celebrant**

**Starts @ 6:30pm - Holy Rosary**  
**6:50pm - Praise and Worship**  
**7:15pm - HEALING MASS**



**Contacts;**  
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**\*Please Invite &/or bring along a friend & family. . .**

**=Kindly bring a plate of finger food to share for fellowship=**

**Kindly Note:**  
**There's no Healing Mass on Thursday-October 1**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

**The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18**

**The Lord is near to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading**      **Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said, "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Psalm 118:4-5**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 24:4-9

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians  
2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32