



St Patrick's Parish



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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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26th & 27th September

Fourth 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 (1st and 3rd)

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

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Tue: Office
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Thu: Office
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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)



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

PEST CONTROL WORK: Please be advised that our pest control contractor will be doing some work in and around the Church and parish office on Monday, 28th September, between 10:30am and 1:30pm. For safety reasons, no one is allowed on site during this time while the pest control treatment is being carried out. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: November is a special month in our Church's calendar when we remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us. It is a beautiful opportunity to have a Mass offered for those we hold dear and entrust their souls to God's loving care. Given that we usually get more intentions than there is days available, the November Mass offerings will be allocated according to dates available for our priests. Whilst we will always do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee specific dates. Thank you for your understanding as we come together in prayer and remembrance of our departed loved ones.

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 14th 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 4th**. Secure your tickets by scanning the QR code on the promotional flyers in the foyer, or online at 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 1st 2027. We plan to have an inaugural meeting early in Term 4, on a date to be confirmed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Fr Peter Slater, Glen Williams, 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: Aelred Taylor, Thomas Daly, Philip Kuljis and Stelio Adele 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: Kiyana Hill, Aiden & Ethan Perry and Celina Fernando.

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

Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, 7th October** in the Church.

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

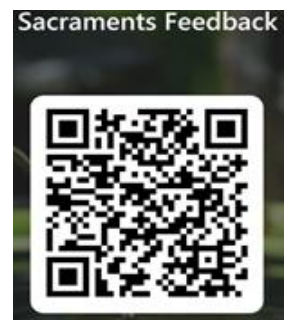
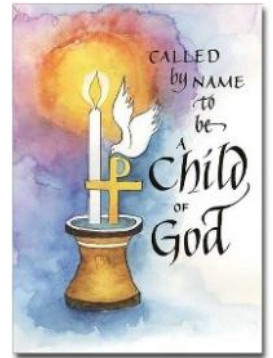
RCIA FOR 2026-2027: For further questions or enquiries, please contact our Sacrament Coordinator: Mary Robinson at:

sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

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

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.



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 11th, 26th and November 8th and 22nd.

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 **10-11 October**. In the meantime, we have added the names of the volunteers for the weekends **3-4 10-11 October** to the list in the foyer. Thank you for your patience and understanding

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. 🌸

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 13th, 20th and 27th 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

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: The weather is improving so why not join us for lunch on October 7th at Castelllos (next to KFC) at 12:30pm. If you would like to come contact Kathy 0418 679 616 or turn up on the day.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: LIVING THE GOSPEL IN TIMES OF SOCIAL DIVISION

In the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its latest Social Justice Statement, *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*. The bishops call on all faithful to help foster a more cohesive and peaceful Australia by cultivating a "culture of encounter" - choosing forgiveness over enmity, hospitality over isolation, and active listening across differences. To read the full statement, access resources, and watch the launch recording, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3m9d2v>

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 phone: 61 3 5614 5163 email: newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

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 2nd and 3rd 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



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SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

In today's parable where a son said yes but did nothing, Jesus offers a striking indictment of empty lip-service. In our age, one of the Church's most insistent calls has been for people to work for the protection of the vineyard of the earth. Speaking of climate change, deforestation and chemical pollution, Pope Saint John Paul II declared in 1990 'that the ecological crisis is a moral issue' and called on all people to 'recognise their obligation to contribute to the restoration of a healthy environment'. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI insisted that 'technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption'. In 2015 Pope Francis called on all of humanity 'to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming' of the world's climate which we are currently facing.

Successive Popes have therefore called us all to work for the protection of our planet and its people. But it is up to every Christian to ensure that these words are not just empty rhetoric.

Entrance Antiphon Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6**Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first, but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God

but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and
in the underworld, should bend the knee at the
name of Jesus and that every tongue should
acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians
4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43