



# 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](mailto:safeguarding@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5-6 September**

**Aka Father's Day & the First 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: 8.30am**

**Thu: 8.30am**

Fri: 9.30am

**Sat: 9.30am No Morning Mass**

### NO RECONCILIATION

Sat 10.00am - 10.30am

### NO 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: Council of Priests Meeting, Pakenham

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](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**

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all fathers, grandfathers and father figures a very Happy and Blessed Father's Day. May God bless you abundantly for the love, guidance and strength you give to your families. May you continue to be inspired by the example of St Joseph; the loving and faithful earthly father of Jesus, and may the Lord grant you wisdom, patience and grace in your vocation of fatherhood. May God bless all fathers today and always.

## Pray for ALL Fathers and Priests

God our Father,

We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers, who have supported and challenged us; may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We remember fathers around the world, whose children are lost or suffering;

may they know that the God of compassion, walks with them in their sorrow.

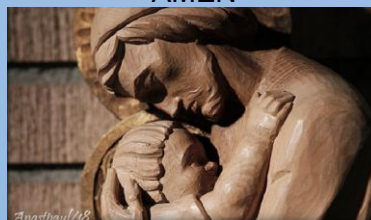
We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us, with fatherly love and advice.

Most importantly, all our Priests - our spiritual Fathers, who guide, teach us and lead us to You and who feed and nourish us with Your sacraments.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us,

but who live forever in our memory and nurture us with their love.

**AMEN**



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

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

**THE SOULS OF:** Kerry Carney who died recently, as well as Saviour Grech, Maria Austin, Eileen Lockwood, Gervais Balmano, Walter Perumal, Elizabeth Singam, Laurie Venn, 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.

**BAPTISMS:** 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.

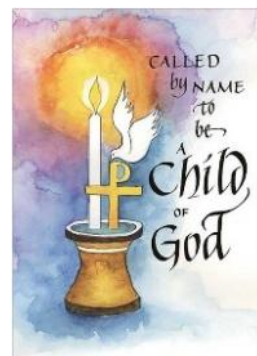
Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

**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)

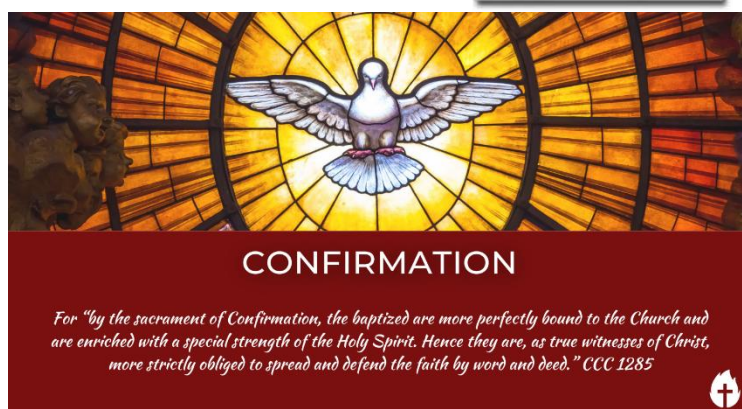
**RCIC:** For children aged 10-14 years are invited to join the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Children* program. All those interested, please email:

[sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au](mailto:sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au)



**BLESSING OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** Will take place at all Masses this weekend, as all of our candidates prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS:** Please keep in your prayers all the children who will have the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them by Bishop Greg Bennet, on Saturday, 12 September, during ceremonies at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. As they take this important step in their faith journey, may the Holy Spirit guide, strengthen, and bless them, and may they continue to grow in faith and love.



**SEASON OF CREATION: Care for Our Common Home**

Join us online to better understand what the Season of Creation is all about and explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth: our common home - in practical ways, as both a spiritual, moral, and ethical responsibility.

**Presenter:** Fr Jeff Kleynjans - Parish Priest: St Patrick's, Pakenham

**Date:** Wednesday, 16th September 2026

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Venue:** Online

**Registration:** [tinyurl.com/4tx834yp](https://tinyurl.com/4tx834yp)

**SCHOOL ART COMPETITION 2026:** Primary and secondary students are invited to take part in *Catholic Earthcare's Annual Art Competition*, exploring the theme of 'Living Water'. Art supply vouchers will be awarded as prizes. Bishop's Award (primary and secondary): 1st \$300 | 2nd \$200 | 3rd \$100.

People's Choice Award: \$300 (primary and secondary).

For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5bbjwamu>



**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:** This weekend's Special Collection - taken up after all Masses, is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation with proceeds going towards the support of the sick and retired clergy (including priests from overseas and deacon's wives).

All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Clicking on: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> will make it easy for you to donate.

**EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER:** Community Bible Study meets each Monday at 7.00pm with the current focus on the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Claus on 0424 246 621.

**THANK YOU** for your contributions to the recent Catholic Care Appeal. The amount collected was **\$695.20**.

**PADDY'S KITCHEN RECYCLING BIN:** It is disappointing to see that, despite several reminders and a notice placed on the bin in the foyer, general rubbish continues to be placed in the Paddy's Kitchen recycling bin. Please remember that this bin is for recyclable bottles and containers **only** and is not to be used for general rubbish. We kindly ask everyone to be considerate in helping us to ensure our recycling efforts are effective by placing items in the correct bin. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 'Take courage! I have overcome the world':** St Patrick's parish is seeking to establish a working group of volunteer young people to assist with ideas and the organisation of fundraising events and other activities, to assist young people from our parish to attend World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, 2027. Approximate dates are: July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>. Young people in this instance are described as being aged 16-35 years old, with all 16-year-olds having reached the age of 16 years on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2027. Your expressions of interest in being part of this working group can be emailed to Fr Jeff: [Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.au) So far only two names have been submitted!

**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 is Sep 13<sup>th</sup>.

**NEPAL FLOODS:** Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit [www.caritas.org.au/nepal](http://www.caritas.org.au/nepal).

**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**. 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](http://cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi)

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026: FOR THE CARE OF WATER:** Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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## SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

This Gospel is clearly about becoming part of 'team Jesus'. There's the bit about gathering in twos and threes to find agreement about what we - including Jesus - want or need. Then we (the Greek 'you' is plural) are told we can jointly bind and loose, literally from the ground up.

This is, therefore, a profoundly synodal passage. It's an instruction manual for dealing with the messy realities in which the Church sometimes finds itself, and a reminder of the importance of community. There is even a plan for dealing with the odd recalcitrant brother who just won't listen! Jesus' key takeaway is about persistence and working together.

In our own times, where there is lots of scope for collective action on important issues, Jesus' frequent mention of 'earth' resonates. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a grounded people whose decisions can have heavenly effects.



**Living Water**  
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water  
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading****Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8**

**O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on  
that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test; when  
they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading****Romans 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**Gospel Acclamation****2 Corinthians 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

**Communion Antiphon****Cf Psalm 41:2-3**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Next Week's Readings**

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Psalm 102: 1-4, 9-12

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans  
14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

