



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

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12-13 September

Second 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: 9.00am SFX Officer
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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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

ROSTERS FOR READING AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Are not quite finalised yet, but will be available for collection over the weekend of **2-3 October**. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT: NAVIGATING THE UNSEEN - WOMEN LEADING WITH RESILIENCE: Women from across the diocese are 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. Bookings are essential by **October 4th**. Secure your tickets online at trybooking.com/DOZKU or scan the QR code on the promotional flyers in the church foyer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Fr Peter Slater, Rose Carter, 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: Bernard Coyles who died recently and Rose La Monaca, Mile and Anka Kruljac, Jim Gunton and Davidson Harawa 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: This weekend we welcome: Dante Lo Pizzo, Elion Lacbayo, and Savannah De Luca. 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.

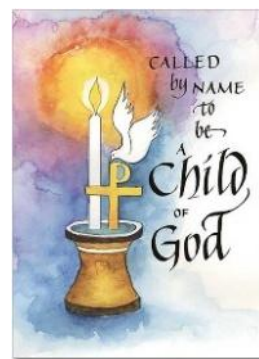
Please enrol via the parish website or call Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.

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



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS: This weekend, 80 children from St Clare's, St Patrick's and our wider parish community had the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them by Bishop Greg Bennet, who was in attendance to share in this very special celebration with them.

Please keep all our newly confirmed in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

A heartfelt thank you to Tresa Andrews, Alisha Johnston, and Mary Robinson, who worked tirelessly to support and prepare the children for this special sacrament. We are very grateful for their dedication and commitment.



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



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>



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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.

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 30th to August 8th. 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 1st 2027. Your expressions of interest in being part of this working group can be emailed to Fr Jeff: Jeff.Kleynjans@cdsale.org.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 is Sep 13th.

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 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

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. 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**. 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

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.



Entrance Antiphon**Cf Sirach 36:18**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading**Sirach 27:30 – 28:7**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
(R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading**Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation**John 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew**18:21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians
1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16