



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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th 12th October

2nd Sunday of Shine a Light - Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts 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 9.00am SFX Officer & 6.00pm
Wed: 9.30am
Thu: 9.30am
Fri: 9.00am
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: CEC Warragul

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

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals,
replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse,
with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.

Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions
to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used
to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness,
respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.

Move us to assist those who experience violence and
abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse
responsible, encouraging them to change their
behaviour.

AMEN

REFERENCE / LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: In recent times, both Fr Jeff and the Parish Office have received a marked increase in requests for **References** and **Letters of Recommendation** for Job applications, Sacraments and other things. Please understand that in order to provide you with any kind of reference Fr Jeff needs to know who you are, so it helps if you are listed on our parish system as a registered, active, and involved parishioner. In addition, to help cover time and the administrative costs involved in preparing and providing said letters, we have introduced a \$10 administration fee, and kindly ask that the fee be paid when submitting your request. Andrea at the Parish Office will be happy to provide you with the banking details, or you can pay in person with cash. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CUPPA INVITATION: ☺ Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a cuppa and a chat after the **9.00am and 10.30am Masses**. We look forward to seeing you!

EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER: Community Bible Study will resume on **Monday 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.

AGEING AND AWAKENING: Unfortunately, this programme has been **cancelled** due to insufficient registrations.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA

After 9.00am & 10.30am 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: Fr Peter Slater, Sharon Bailey, Glen Williams, Rose Carter, Mauri Priyanga, Maria Domingo, Elly Gross, Margaret Gudgeon, Steve Piper, Lyn Vogrig, Joseph Murdoch.

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

THE SOULS OF: Victoria Morales, Lara Borghi & Anthony M.A who died recently and Michael Burns, Bob Silke, Nicole & Gervais Balmano, Sylvie & Serge Balmano, Patrick Balmano, Eva & Francis Marie, Linda Carjou 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 Liam McKinlay. Parents wishing to have their child/ren Baptised are required to first attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, 4th November** in the Church.

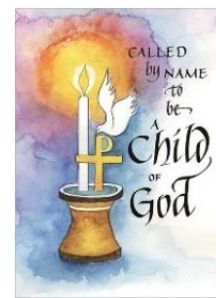
Enrol via the parish website or call Andrea on 5941 7315.

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. 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 use the QR code to offer feedback 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 feedback, please reach out to **Mary Robinson - Sacrament Coordinator** at sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au.



Sacraments Feedback



ROSTERS FOR READING AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Don't forget to pick up your new rosters from the foyer. Please note that it is **your responsibility** to swap if you are unable to fulfil your duty on the day. It is **NOT the responsibility of the staff** to find a replacement on the day. Should you have further queries about your roster please contact our safeguarding officer Terry Wynne on a Thursday or Friday or email him at safeguarding@stpatrickspakenham.com.au.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: November is a special month to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us, and 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 are 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 requests, we simply 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: You are invited to join for dinner and an inspirational talk with guest speaker Dr Kim Daniels, exploring faith, leadership and resilience.

 Wednesday, 14 October, 7:00pm  St Patrick's Parish Hall \$ \$30 per person - includes dinner & soft drinks. Bookings are essential via the QR code on the flyers in the foyer or at trybooking.com/DOZKU.

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 be this Sunday, October 11th, then October 26th and November 8th and 22nd.

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 working group to assist young people from our parish to attend World Youth Day, as well as the expressions of interest to attend WYD in Seoul, South Korea, 2027, from those young people aged 16-35 years. We plan to have an inaugural meeting early in Term 4, on a date to be confirmed.

THE LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL: FAITH IN ACTION: All youth and young adults aged 13 to 30 are warmly invited to the upcoming LAMP Youth Festival, Join us for a full day of games, dance, food, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass. **Date:** Saturday, 21st November **Time:** 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. See notice board for more details.

CATHOLIC MISSION: A special Collection will be taken up after all Masses next weekend 17th and 18 October.



ST AGATHA'S CRANBOURNE CENT NIGHT: Saturday 24th October, 7.00pm at St Agatha's School Hall. Come join us for a fun filled family evening. Great prizes such as 2 Smart TVs, Microwave, Coffee Machine, Electrical items, toys, giftware and much more. All proceeds go to our church renovation. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985 to book a table. \$25 for a table of 10 or \$5 per person.

"BREAKTHROUGH" - RISEN LORD COMMUNITY NOVEMBER RETREATS: See notice board for more details - all are welcome"

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that mental health ministries will be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



ENLIGHTEN THE LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS: Our month-long journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues throughout October as we focus on fostering a parish culture centred on safety, mutual respect, and heartfelt care. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week's theme: *Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts*, connects with the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The gospel reminds us that everyone called to the feast is to be welcomed with **honour, dignity, and genuine kindness**.

When we allow God's light to enlighten our hearts, we are moved to recognise the value of every person and ensure that each home and gathering within our community is a place where all feel safe, cherished, and supported.

Week 2 - *Enlighten the eyes of our heart* by RoseMarie Black

One of the central themes of this weekend's Gospel parable is that God freely invites humanity to his eternal banquet. There are those who willingly accept the invitation, reject the invitation, or are indifferent, consumed with the busyness and demands of their own lives. By accepting God's invitation, we are called to transform our lives, to "enlighten the eyes of our heart" by seeing as Christ sees. In a sense, Christ is the "wedding garment". St Paul refers to this as "putting on Christ" (Romans 13:14).

To "Enlighten the eyes of our heart" can therefore become a prayer: *Lord, help us to see what we have become accustomed to not seeing, to that which blinds us from seeing with the eyes and heart of Christ.*

It is often very challenging to look beyond what is visible and to see people and situations as Christ sees them. In the context of domestic violence, this means having the courage to recognise what may be hidden behind closed doors: fear, control, intimidation, humiliation and abuse. As a community we are called to respond with courage and compassion that respects the inherent dignity of the person. In his Encyclical Letter "Magnifica Humanitas" Pope Leo reminds us that "Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love. #50"

I think that it is fitting to end this reflection with part of the prayer from the ACBC Social Justice Statement, 2022-2023: Respect, Confronting Violence and Abuse: *Loving God, you made each of us in your own image and likeness, open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse with mutuality, reciprocity, respect and freedom. Help us to love like you.*

Entrance Antiphon**Psalm 129:3-4**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading**Isaiah 25:6-10**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 22. R. v.6**

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor, and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 22:1-14**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Communion Antiphon**Cf Psalm 33:11**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm 95:1,3-5,7-10. R. v.6

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

We wish Fr Edward as happy and safe holiday, as he returns to India to visit his Mum, and we look forward to his return in early November. 🙏