



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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd & 4th October

Fifth 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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Thu: Office
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

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

A LITTLE RESPECT- PARKING AND CARPARK ETIQUETTE: Please adhere to the carpark rules and refrain from parking in front of the Priest's garage - both day and night - as they often need to leave quickly to provide end of life care. Also, we ask you to be mindful that the O'Shannessy street entrance **is not** an exit, and that the service road exit, **is not** an entrance and are clearly marked as such. Failure to adhere to the carpark rules may cause damage, injury, or even death

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 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.

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: Jacob Arokiasamy, Peter 'China' Holland and Russell Francis, who died recently and Laurie Hodgkisson, Maureen Atkins, Agnes Lim, 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.

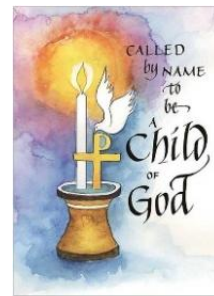
SACRAMENT INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: 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.



Sacraments Feedback



FLOWER ROSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Since we have engaged in an ongoing contract for the weekly cleaning of the church and parish office complex, and no longer require volunteers for this, we would really appreciate a few volunteers joining the Flower Roster to help arrange fresh flowers in the church on a regular basis. You don't need to commit every week - even helping just a few times throughout the year would make a **BIG** difference. We are also happy to reimburse some of the costs, so please don't let the expense be a concern. 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 to everyone who already assists, and to anyone who may be able to assist in the future. Your contribution helps to keep our church looking beautiful, welcoming and cared for. 🌸

ROSTERS FOR READING AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Once the rosters are finalised they will be available for collection on the weekend of **10-11 October**. In the meantime, we have added the names of some volunteers for the weekend **10-11 October** to the list in the foyer. Thank you for your patience and understanding

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.

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

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.

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

VISITOR AT OUR CHURCH DOORS: This week, we had a very special visitor sitting at the doors of our church - a kangaroo! 🦘 After calling Wildlife Rescue, we learned that unfortunately, our visitor had a broken hind leg, and we had to say goodbye to this beautiful part of God's creation. We are grateful to those who came to help and cared for our unexpected visitor. Thank you to Irene S for your photo of this beautiful creature.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



**Nurturing Good Fruit
in Our Communities**

NURTURING GOOD FRUIT IN OUR COMMUNITIES:

Throughout the month of October, our parish will join with the Sale Diocese **Shine a Light** committee to raise awareness and stand in solidarity against Domestic and Family Violence. **Shine a Light** has been developed with the assistance of Catholic Social Services Victoria, enabling Parish communities to equip themselves with knowledge, tools, and a deeper understanding of how to recognise and appropriately respond to family and domestic violence. You can learn more at:

www.cdsale.org.au/sal

Inspired by this Sunday's Gospel, our reflection for this first week, focuses on "Nurturing Good Fruit". Just as a well-tended vineyard yields a rich harvest, so are

we invited to cultivate kindness, mutual support, and dignity within our homes and parish family. When we nurture one another with patience and care, we build a community where everyone can truly thrive.

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:** cdsale.org.au/events
phone: 61 3 5614 5163. **email:** newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

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, themed "*Faith in Action: Change Starts with You*". 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 (Lunch provided)
- **Location:** St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High St, Berwick VIC 3806
- **Age Group:** 13 - 30 years old
- **Donation Drive:** Please bring two or more non-perishable food items. All collections directly support the John Mc Foundation Inc.

Week 1 - Nurturing Good Fruit in Our Communities by Jim Quillinan

The message of today's Gospel is clear, violence never works. It may bring some passing satisfaction, the illusion of success, even a sense of winning but as Jesus' parable teaches, in the long run it doesn't work at all.

The gospel also invites us to nurture what it calls, the good fruit, to let go of greed, jealousy, anger, resentment and bitterness and to find ways to nurture with(in) graciousness, love, gentleness and forgiveness and find ways to be grateful. These are not signs of weakness but of strength and we have to work at them.

The gospel reminds us that we don't belong to anyone, we are not someone's possession, whether we are married or single. We come to marriage as two people. No matter how close a marriage or a friendship, we always remain individuals. No love or friendship ever fully takes away our separateness, our identity, our individuality. Nor should it. Although we might grow together in our union, we grow as individuals, and not in someone else's shadow.

We don't stop growing, maturing, discovering new ways of viewing life, more things about ourselves throughout life. That doesn't stop when we get married. It is that complexity that makes this relationship intriguing and interesting.

Even when we have children, they are not our possessions but rather we are called to care for them and to give them the freedom to grow, to nurture the good fruit.

Entrance Antiphon**Cf Esther 4:17**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading**Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7****The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1.You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2.Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3.God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4.And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine
on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading**Philippians 4:6-9**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy

of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation****John 15:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10

Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

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

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14