



St Patrick's Parish



PARISH OFFICE: 142 Princes Hwy Pakenham 3810 Ph: 5941 7315

WEB: www.stpatrickspakenham.com.au

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 17th & 18th October

3rd Sunday of Shine a Light - Shine on the World Like Bright Stars

****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 Service of the Word
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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Terry Wynne
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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away
Tue: Office
Wed: Office
Thu: Warragul
Fri: PBF - 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)

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse
SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23

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

PARISH WEBSITE: Our parish website will be temporarily unavailable for a couple of weeks while we migrate to a new one. For enquiries during this time, please contact the relevant staff:

Andrea: Planned Giving, Baptisms, Letters of recommendation, Mass Offerings and general parish enquiries.

Mary: Sacramental enquiries, including Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and RCIC.

Katrina: Pastoral Care

Terry: Safeguarding enquiries.

Fr Jeff / Fr Edward - House/Car Blessings / Weddings etc.

The relevant email addresses are listed on the left-hand side of this bulletin and will also be displayed on the noticeboards in the foyer.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition.

REFERENCE / LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: In recent times, both Fr Jeff and the Parish Office have received a significant increase in requests for **Reference Letters** 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. This fee may be waived if you are a registered parishioner who currently contributes either their time, talent or treasure to the parish. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA

After 9.00am & 10.30am Masses 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, Margaret Gudgeon, Lyn Vogrig, Joseph Murdoch.

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

THE SOULS OF: Alex Scott, Grace Gardner, Rosina Vecchio & Lorna Kenny who died recently and Terrence Augustine, Gayelord Di Costa, Moses Zacharias, T Francis, Paulinus Raj 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

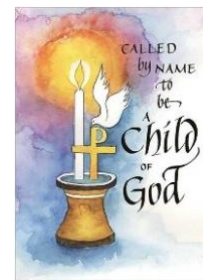
BAPTISMS: Parents wishing to have their child/ren Baptised are required to first attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, 4th November** in the Church. Enrol via the parish website or call Andrea on 5941 7315.

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 school age 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. Planning is underway for our 2027 Program and save the date fliers and posters will be released later this year. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to Mary Robinson - Sacrament Coordinator at sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

RCIA 2026-2027: Please keep our current RCIA participants in your prayers as they continue their learning and deepening in faith. They will be welcomed into our parish community on Sunday the 29th November at 9am Mass through the Rite of Welcome. Any parishioners who can assist with being sponsors for our RCIA participants this year or anyone who would like to come along to support the weekly RCIA reflection gatherings, please reach out to Mary Robinson - Sacrament Coordinator at sacraments@stpatrickspakenham.com.au



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

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. **A meeting will be held on Tuesday the 20th of October at 4.30pm.**

PHOTOGRAPHY AND PRIVACY NOTICE: Please be advised that photographs may be taken during parish events and activities, which may be used in parish publications, newsletters, social media, or on our website. If you do not wish for your photograph to be published, please inform Andrea, or email: parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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

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.

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 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"

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

LEGION OF MARY PAKENHAM

→ INVITES YOU ALL TO COME AND WALK WITH MOTHER MARY: ←

Our Lady Queen of All Nations





 **Date:** Saturday 31st October 2026 **Time:** 9.30am Mass

 **Venue:** St Patrick's Parish Pakenham

 **Holy Hour** from 10.00 am to 11.00am and **Benediction** at 11.00am

 **Procession** to follow

 **Cuppa and cake** to be served in the hall after procession

All are welcome







Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

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.

SHINE ON THE WORLD LIKE BRIGHT STARS: As our October journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues, we keep our focus firmly on nurturing safety, dignity, and genuine care throughout our community. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal This week, our theme invites us to "Shine on the World Like Bright Stars," echoing this Sunday's Gospel acclamation. The gospel reminds us to give to God what belongs to God, Christ calls us to honour the divine image stamped upon every human being. When we reflect God's love through integrity, empathy, and positive action, our lives shine like beacons of hope - showing what it truly means to uplift, protect, and respect one another.



Entrance Antiphon**Cf Psalm 16:6,8**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading**Isaiah 45:1.4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7****Give the Lord glory and honour.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation**Philippians 2:15. 16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said

to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon**Cf Psalm 32:18-19**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**Week 3 - Shine on the World Like Bright Stars
by Fr Aneesh George IVDei**

There was a blind man who walked through the streets every night carrying a lamp in his hand. One evening, someone saw him and wondered, "Why does a blind man carry a lamp? Even if he cannot see its light." As the blind man was walking, another person, coming from the opposite direction, accidentally bumped into him. Angrily, the man said, "Why are you carrying a lamp? You are blind. The light is useless to you!" The blind man gently replied, "My friend, I know that I cannot see the light. But I carry this lamp so that others can see me and I will not become an obstacle to them."

Dear friends, sometimes we carry the light not because we need it, but because someone else needs it. There are people around us who are walking through darkness, the darkness caused by loneliness, fear, abuse, violence, rejection, addiction, grief or hopelessness. That is what it means to **"Shine on the World Like Bright Stars."** We may not be able to remove all the darkness in the world. We may not be able to solve every problem. But Jesus tells us: "Let your light shine before others."

When we speak up against domestic violence, we become the bright stars. When we listen to someone who is suffering, we become the bright stars. When we stand beside a person who is frightened and say, "You are not alone," we become the bright stars. When we choose kindness instead of anger, forgiveness instead of revenge, respect instead of control, and love instead of violence, we will shine on the world like bright stars.

And sometimes we may wonder, "Is my little light really making a difference?" Remember the blind man. He could not see his own light - but someone else needed it.

Perhaps we cannot see the difference our kindness is making. Perhaps we cannot see the person we are encouraging. Perhaps we will never know whose life was changed because we chose to speak, listen, forgive, protect or love. But keep carrying the lamp. Keep shining. Because somewhere, someone is walking through darkness - and our light may be the very light they need to find their way home.

So today, let us make this our prayer and our mission: Shine on the world like bright stars. Shine in our homes. Shine in our families. Shine in our relationships. Shine wherever there is fear, pain, darkness and violence.

May the light of Christ shine through our lives, so that no one around us needs to walk alone in the darkness. **"Shine on the World Like Bright Stars."** Not because our light is perfect, but because even the smallest light can defeat the darkness.

Let our homes be places where no one is afraid. Let our relationships be places where no one is controlled or humiliated. Let our words heal rather than wound. And let the light of Christ shine through us.

We may not realise how much light we carry. We may not see the difference we are making. But keep carrying the lamp. Keep shining. Because someone walking in darkness may be looking for our light. So, Shine on the World Like Bright Stars".