



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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th & 25th October

4th Sunday of Shine a Light - Loving Our Neighbour

****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: 8.00am
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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FR JEFF'S DIARY

Mon: Away
Tue: SFX Prins, Clergy REL Meeting/Office
Wed: Office
Thu: Warragul
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.

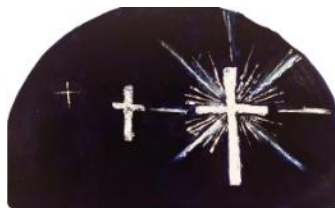
Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.

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

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Can be collected from the foyer for use to start in November. Please make sure to **only use the new envelopes** from November as we have made a few minor changes with the numbers: assigning some contributors with new numbers. **So, please discard any old/unused envelopes.** Should you require a statement for your pledges from November 2025 to October 2026, please contact Andrea in the parish office. **Thank you for your generous contributions.**



SHINE A LIGHT LITURGY: Domestic violence brings darkness into our world, preying on the vulnerable and contradicting Christ's call for compassion and justice. As a parish community, we are called to stand against this, so we invite all parishioners to a special Liturgy on Friday 30th October at 6.00 pm as we unite to stand against Domestic Violence.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: *"A prayer today... A shepherd tomorrow..."* Come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life across our diocese - on Saturday, 31st of October. Mass commences at 9:30 am followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - and Benediction at 11.00 am, here at *St Patrick's, Pakenham.*



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, Sailesh Shankar, 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: Tovia Fepuleai who died recently and Joseph Bose, Harry and Doreen Dineen, Raymonde Savy, Doreen Augustine, Balmano, Herchenroder & Marie family, Claude Rajadurai, Mercia Wickramasinghe, Oswind Rebeiro, Luke & Moreen Xavier 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

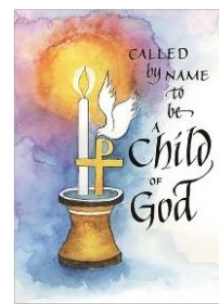
BAPTISMS: Parents wishing to have their child/ren Baptised are required to first attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, 4th November** in the Church. Enrol via the parish website or call Andrea on 5941 7315.

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: Planning is underway for our 2027 Program and save the date fliers and posters will be released soon. If you have any questions 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 to learn and deepen their faith. They will be welcomed into our parish community on Sunday the 29th November at the 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



ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: We are a group of parishioners who gather together monthly. We welcome who wishes to join us for a meal and a chat. Our next lunch is at Cardinia Club in Racecourse Road on November 4th at 12:30. If you would like to join us you can contact Kathy 0418679616 or just join us on the day.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: November is remembrance month. A time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us by having 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 gatherings will be on Sunday, October 26th, November 8th and 22nd.

ROSTERS FOR READING AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please don't forget to collect your rosters.

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.

WYD PLANNING MEETING: Tues 27/10 at 4.30 pm in the Welcome Room

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 Robinson: Sacramental enquiries, including Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and RCIC. **Katrina Venn:** Pastoral Care **Terry Wynne:** 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.

FLOWER DONATIONS: If you would like to donate roses/flowers to decorate the Legion of Mary cart, or contribute towards the purchase of flowers, for the Rosary procession on Oct 31st we would be most grateful for your support. Please bring your flower donations to the Parish Office by 10.00 am on Friday, 30 October 2026. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please hand it to Andrea at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND PRIVACY NOTICE: Please be advised that photographs may be taken during parish events and activities, that could 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, via phone or email (address on front of bulletin)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

"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.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOUR: As we reach the final week of our October journey with the Shine a Light initiative, our focus turns to the very heart of Christian living: fostering safety, kindness, and deep respect in every relationship. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week's theme, "Love Your Neighbour," comes from the heart of the Gospel, where Jesus teaches that love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable. Loving our neighbour as ourselves begins in the warmth of our own homes and parish community. When we choose patience, listen with empathy, and uphold the dignity of those around us, we put love into real practice and create spaces where everyone feels secure, valued, and cherished.

SERVANT COMMUNITY HEALING MASS: The Servant Community Healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr Antony Santhiyagu on Thursday, 5 November 2026. The evening will commence with the Rosary at 6.30 pm, followed by Praise and Worship and the Healing Mass at 7.30 pm. Fellowship will follow the Mass.

All are welcome!

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 - For Vocations
 Procession to follow
 Cuppa and cake to be served in the hall after procession

All are welcome



Week 4 - Loving Our Neighbour **By Peter Mazai**

When Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest, His answer is beautifully simple: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. At times, faith can seem complicated, but Jesus brings us back to what matters most: love. After all, God is love, and every act of genuine love reflects His presence in our lives.

As we journey through this Franciscan Year, these words invite us to pause and reflect on how love is lived out in our everyday lives. Love is present in the patience we show a family member, the forgiveness we offer when we have been hurt, the encouragement we give to someone who is struggling, or the time we take to truly listen. These moments may seem small, but they often have the greatest impact, bringing comfort, hope, and healing to others.

The readings remind us that God has a special concern for those who are vulnerable, isolated, or in need. They challenge us to look beyond ourselves and see others through eyes of compassion. In a world that can sometimes feel hurried and divided, we are called to make others feel seen, valued, and cared for.

St Francis understood this deeply. He recognised the dignity of every person and responded with humility, kindness, and joy. His example reminds us that love is not simply a feeling but a choice we make each day through our words and actions. May we take time this week to reflect on the ways we show love to those around us. Through even the smallest acts of kindness, we can make God's love visible in our homes, parish, and the wider community. When we choose love, we bring the Gospel to life, for God is Love.

Entrance Antiphon**Cf Psalm 104:3-4**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading**Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2****R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading**1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you

that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God**Gospel Acclamation****John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**Communion Antiphon****Cf Psalm 19:6**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Next Week's Readings**First Reading**

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6

Second Reading

Letter of St John 3:1-3

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12