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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 14-15 November 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

PARISH PRIEST
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FR JEFF'S DIARY
Mon: Away
Tue: Office
Wed: Office/Wedding Yarra Glen
Thu: Away
Fri: Away

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)

ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE



I arise today, through the strength of heaven; Light of sun, Splendour of fire, Speed of lightning, Swiftness of wind, Depth of sea, Stability of earth, Firmness of rock. I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me, afar and anear, alone or in a multitude. Christ shield me today against wounding Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me. I arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord of all creation. Amen

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL PARISH EVENTS - All parish events and activities must have a risk assessment completed by the **Parish Safeguarding Officer** *before* the event takes place. To allow sufficient time for the assessment to be completed and any necessary safety measures to be put in place, organisers are required to provide as much notice as possible. **A minimum of one week's notice is required.** Please note that any event notified with *less than one week's notice* cannot go ahead, and will need to be rescheduled.

Why are risk assessments important?
Risk assessments are essential to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone attending or involved in parish events, including volunteers, staff, parishioners and visitors. They help identify potential hazards, assess risks, and put appropriate measures in place to prevent accidents, injuries or other incidents. They also ensure that events are properly planned, that organisers understand their responsibilities, and that the parish meets its duty of care to everyone involved. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in providing adequate notice to the Parish Safeguarding Officer so that risk assessments can be completed in good time.

The safety and wellbeing of our parish community must always be a priority. No parish event should proceed without a completed risk assessment.

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, Margaret Gudgeon, Tim Bayard, Michael & Nancy Johnson, Dr Down, Anthony Morrill, Diana Butterworth, Ann Wright, Keith Patten, Tilla Perera, Sailesh Shankar, Sharon Bailey, Glen Williams, Rose Carter and Lyn Vogrig

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

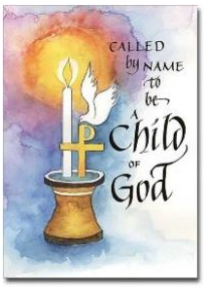
THE SOULS OF: Anthony Ciancio, Widley Clelie, and Emmanuela Fepuleai and all the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at this time.

'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



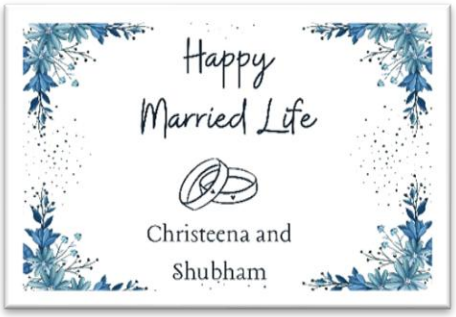
BAPTISMS: Parents wishing to have their child/ren Baptised are required to first attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session, **5.30pm, Wednesday, 2nd December** in the Church. Enrol via the parish website or call Andrea on 5941 7315.

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: 2027 program, save the date fliers and posters will be released soon. Any queries contact Mary Robinson - Sacrament Coordinator at **sacraments@stpartickspakenham.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 reflection gatherings, please reach out to Mary Robinson - Sacrament Coordinator at **sacraments@stpartickspakenham.com.au**



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: The entire month of November has been filled - should you wish to have a Mass offered we can still offer them through December and into the new year. November is traditionally 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. Please also be aware that as a result of Remembrance Month, there will be limited dates available for *other* Mass intentions Thank you for your patience and understanding as we come together in prayer and remembrance of our departed loved ones.

MONSTRANCE & THURIBLE: Thank you to Lawrismin and Nisha Gomez for their generous donation of these sacred articles to our parish.

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS: Do you enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument? St Patrick's Parish warmly invites musicians and singers to come forward and share their talents with our parish community. Whether you sing or play the piano, guitar, keyboard or another instrument, we would love to hear from you! If you are interested in being part of our parish music ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 03 5941 7315 or **parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au**

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: A training session for all existing Altar servers and all those interested in becoming an altar server, will be held at 2.00pm, this Sunday the 15th November, in the Church.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE COLLECTION: Will be taken up next weekend.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: On 15 November calls us to leave our comfort zones, accompany those experiencing hardship, and address rising food insecurity. Bishop Tim Harris urges Christians to build genuine relationships and advocate for justice. Read the full message at https://tinyurl.com/5djrt328

FAITH IN ACTION: AN ELECTION GUIDE FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA: Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026

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: All 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.



YOUTH NEWS

FUNDRAISER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY IN SEOUL KOREA 2027: We will be hosting several fundraising events to raise money for all our parish youth participating in this fantastic opportunity to travel to Korea for the World Youth Day in 2027. Pancake fundraiser this weekend, biriyani next weekend. Our 1st big fundraiser will be held on the 5th Dec, '***Christmas Karaoke***' 🎤 so get your groups ready to sing. Enquire about ticket sales. Please help us, reach our target of $150,000 before April 2027. We also humbly ask any businesses who might be able to assist to help with donations and sponsors. For all donations, please contact Andrea at the parish office, Fr Jeff or Fr Vipin.

DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: Calling all interested young people aged 16 to 35 years to submit their Expression of Interest to be either a pilgrim OR a small group leader.

Head to the Diocese of Sale World Youth Day website for all up-to-date information and the link to the form: cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul

For questions, please email WYD Project Officer, Tishan Lokuge (tlokuge@doscel.catholic.edu.au).

Reflection for young people by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the master praises the efforts of the first two servants, who used the talents they were given and improved upon them. The master criticises the action of the third servant, who hid the talent, did nothing, and was paralysed with fear.

When have you been like the first and second servants, using your talents in a way that benefits yourself and others?

When have you been like the third servant, not using your talents and not bringing benefit to yourself or others?

The last few lines of this Gospel passage might seem to contradict Jesus' usual message about the last being first. This passage appears to be saying that the first will be even further ahead, and the last will be left behind. Is this contradiction troubling to you? Why or why not? How do you see it?

When Jesus speaks of the first becoming last and the last becoming first, he is usually speaking of humility and boastfulness. Those who pump themselves up are usually just full of hot air. Why would Jesus say that the humble ones are really the great ones?

When Jesus speaks of the rich ones getting more, and the poor ones losing what they have, he is speaking in terms of laziness and activity. Those who act in a lazy way usually become more lazy, and they lose any initiative they once had. What kind of activity is Jesus encouraging us to do?

Entrance Antiphon **Jeremiah 29:11,12,14**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading **Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31**

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
   and walk in his ways!
   By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
   You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
   in the heart of your house;
   your children like shoots of the olive,
   around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
   the man who fears the Lord.
   May the Lord bless you from Zion
   in a happy Jerusalem
   all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **John 15:4. 5**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'
The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon **Psalm 72:28**
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Week's Readings
First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46