

St Patrick's Parish

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

1st Sunday of Advent – 28 and 29 November 2026 – Year B

****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
11.00am Funeral Prayers Gregory Adcock
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

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FR JEFF'S DIARY
Mon: Away
Tue: Office
Wed: Funeral/SFX Beaconsfield Memorial Mass
Thu: Office
Fri: Clergy Life and Ministry Clyde North

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

ADVENT REFLECTION: "PRESENCE" In preparation for the new Liturgical Year the parish is warmly inviting you to join in this **Advent Retreat** which will run over 4 weeks. Our sessions start on Tuesday the 1st of December at 5.00pm in the welcome room. All our welcome.

ALTAR SERVER ANNOUNCEMENT - SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER: All NEW and RETURNING Altar Servers are asked to attend one final training from 4-5pm in the Church. Parents must sign their child in and out if they are under 18 years of age. Commissioning of our new and established servers will take place that same evening at the 6pm mass.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: Our final lunch for the year has arrived. We are meeting at Railway Hotel on Main Street (near the Station) at 12:30 on December 2nd. If you would like to join us contact Kathy 0418679616 or come along on the day.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE COLLECTION: A sum of **$431.75** was collected - thank you for your contribution.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR: A warm invitation is extended to all interested singers to join in the carolling at Midnight Mass. Choir practices will be held each Wednesday in November at 7.30pm until 23rd December. Please join us! Contact: Liz Merrigan 0413 290 581

COLUMBIAN CALENDARS: Available for sale at the Piety Stall $10.00.

THANK YOU: To everyone for your kind wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of my recent birthday. With love and blessings, Fr Jeff

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 Abing Balaba 0430 941 608

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, Phillip Taskis, Margaret Gudgeon, Tim Bayard, Michael & Nancy Johnson, Dr Down, Anthony Morrill, Diana Butterworth, 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***]

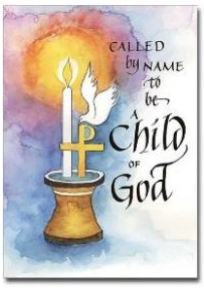
THE SOULS OF: Gregory Adcock & Marie Grant who died recently and Denise Gore and all the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at this time.

'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 at the 9.00 am Mass on Sunday the 29th November through the ***Rite of Welcome***. Any parishioners who can assist as a sponsor for our RCIA participants, or 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: We are unable to accept any further intentions for November or December. If you wish to have a Mass offered for your loved ones, we warmly invite you to submit your intentions for the new year. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we remember and pray for our departed loved ones.

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:
safeguardingoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au
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.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS - SUPPORTING PADDY'S KITCHEN: This Christmas, let's come together to share the joy of giving by supporting Paddy's Kitchen! We are inviting parishioners to donate unopened, in-date cereals, chocolates, and cookies to help bring a little extra joy to those in need this Christmas. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and for helping us spread the true spirit of Christmas together!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL: As in previous years the Christmas tree has been erected with tags. Parishioners can take a tag off the tree, purchase a gift for the child of that age group, and return it **UNWRAPPED** by Friday the 11th of December. Hampers will delivered on Monday the 12th of December. Monetary donations to be placed in the poor box situated in the foyer. Gift Cards to be handed over to Andrea at the parish office on any working days except Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.

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**

PACIFIC CHOIR: The Pacific Choir is looking for musicians to join them at the 10:30am Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you play an instrument and would like to be part of this vibrant choir, please contact Matt or Ruth on 0487 387 8767. **Everyone is welcome!**

EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER: Community Bible Study will wrap up on the 23 November and resume on 8 February 2026. with the current focus on the Acts of the Apostles. For more information, please contact Claus on 0424 246 621.

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. Our 1st big fundraiser is held on the 5th Dec, **'Christmas Karaoke'** 🎤 so get your groups ready to sing. There is great food, music and lots of fun activities. Tell your family and friends. Buy your tickets now!! as there are only limited numbers. Tickets sold this weekend after all masses.

Please help us, reach our target of $150,000 before April 2027. We humbly ask all businesses to help with donations and sponsors. For all donations, please contact parish office, or Fr Jeff or Fr Vipin.

What is Advent?

Advent is the liturgical season that begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time of waiting, praying, and preparing for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During Advent, we remember the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem, and we also look forward to His second coming at the end of time.

It is a season of hope, a time to renew our faith, and to prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior.

Let us keep watch and prepare, for the Lord is coming!



Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 24:1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading **Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.
The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19 R.v.4
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
   shine forth from your cherubim throne.
   O Lord, rouse up your might,
   O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. 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.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation **Psalm 84:8**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 13:33-37**

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come. Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’
The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon **Psalm 84:13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next Week’s Readings
First Reading
Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
Responsorial Psalm
Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
Second Reading
2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel
Mark 1:1-8