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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7-8 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

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FR JEFF'S DIARY
Mon: Away
Tue: Away
Wed: SFX Officer/Office
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)

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



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 in the parish on Sunday 15th November. Parents need to be present for the first half hour for an information session. Please sign in your expressions of interest in the sheet in the foyer or call Andrea to confirm your attendance.



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

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Please do not forget to collect your envelopes from the foyer

SERVANT COMMUNITY: Warmly invites you join them here, at St Patrick's Catholic Church, on Thursday, 12 November 2026. The evening will begin with Praise and Worship from 7:00 to 7:30pm, followed by Reparation Prayers, and Rosary from 7:30 to 8:30pm.
Come together in prayer, worship and fellowship as we grow in faith and devotion. Everyone is welcome, so please invite or bring along your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you!



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, 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***]

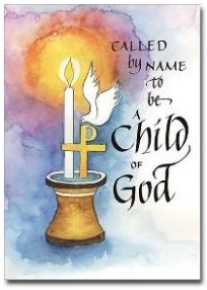
THE SOULS OF: Frs. Vincent McGillicuddy & Brendan Lane, Anne Speekman, Tovia Fepuleai who died recently and Toto Balaba, Francis Perera, Eugine Costa, Rosamma Pulickal, Departed Legionaries and Frank Duffy, Giovanni Mamoliti, Anthony, Vicenso, Mimo & Carmela Ioculano, Elicco and Angela Porta and all 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 RCIA 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.

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.

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

YOUTH NEWS

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: Join us for fun, learn about your faith and fellowship with some food! New faces welcome! Any 18 and over must hold a current WWC. Enquiries call or text Matt or Ruth 0487388767. Our final gathering for this year will be on November 8th.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 FUNDRAISING: Will be taking place every second week to raise as much money as possible to send all parish youth who have expressed interest, to Seoul, South Korea, to participate in this fantastic opportunity. Please help us in whatever ways you can to reach our target of $150,000.00 by April 2027. [This figure is high due to the interested numbers] We also humbly ask any / all businesses who can help with donations, or as sponsors, to please reach out. For all donations, please contact 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).

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.

BREAKTHROUGH" - RISEN LORD COMMUNITY NOVEMBER RETREATS: See notice board for more details.
All are welcome" **Come and Be Filled: CCR Day of Renewal with Bishop Greg Bennet**
Are you spiritually exhausted, seeking deeper / inner peace, or longing for a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit? Come and join us for a powerful day of prayer, praise, and transformation at this year's Renewal Day with the theme: "Come and Be Filled," inspired by Jesus' Beatitude: *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* (Matthew 5:6). Arrive empty and leave overflowing with God's grace, love, and spiritual gifts.

- **Date:** Saturday, 14th November 2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM **Venue:** St Michael's Church Traralgon

Featuring:

- Uplifting praise and worship
- Inspiring teachings and testimonies
- Holy Mass and Adoration
- Individual prayer ministry for in-filling, healing, and empowerment

Bring a friend, an open heart, and a hunger for more of God!
For more information, please contact Cathy (Traralgon Prayer Group Leader: 0432588195); Lindsay (Diocesan CCR Chair: 0432375391); or Anushka (Diocesan CCR Sec: 0436961111).

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2026: FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 87:3**
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.
The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   My body pines for you
   like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
   to see your strength and your glory.
   For your love is better than life,
   my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
   my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.
   On you I muse through the night
   for you have been my help;
   in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.
The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 24:42.44**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'
The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon **Cf Psalm 22:1-2**
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next Week's Readings
First Reading
Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 127:1-5
Second Reading
St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel
Matthew 25:14-30