



St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
4th & 5th February 2023

We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through
Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

Sacramental Program 2023

RCIC - children 7 - 12yrs seeking baptism, information session 13 February

Reconciliation - children Y4 and older, information session 14 February

*Confirmation - children Y4 and older, information session 16 May **

*First Holy Communion - children Y4 and older, information session, 1 August ***

*Pre-requisites: *child has been baptised and completed Reconciliation,*

*** child has been baptised and completed Reconciliation and Confirmation.*

More information to follow or contact the Parish Office, 4982 1066.



Happy Birthday!
*Happy Birthday to
Fr Truc
who will celebrate his
birthday on Friday,
10th of February.
Best wishes and many
blessings from the St
Patrick's community.*

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Position Vacant

Casual Cleaner

For further information
contact the parish office 4982 1066

Position Vacant

The position of Fair Coordinator is vacant - all
interested enquiries most welcome. For more
information contact 4982 1066.



**We acknowledge the Gayiri People,
Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today,
and pay respects for their Elders, past and present.
We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples here
today.**

Please Especially Pray For

Sick: Gerard Pearce, Shelley Herwin, Nancy Mooney, Dale Grounds, Robyn Brosnan, Myra Stanton, Vinita Allix, Mike Burns, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden, Mary Homery, Lawrence McNamee.

Deceased: Geoffery Kavanagh, Vaughan Johnson, Colin Shaw, Margaret Anthony, Lyn Revilla, Ted Harvey, Cardinal George Pell, Trevor Dariels, Peter Turich, Sr Lynette Pearce, Guia Constantino.

Anniversaries: Peter Pitman, Vi McCosker, Timothy Sanderson, Owen Dwyer, Sally Roberts, Don Ash, Sr Marie Duffy, Sr Rosa MacGinley, Brendan Conway, Phylis Boland, James Burns, Gordon McKinlay, Alice Boland, Peter Gallagher, Barry Mahony.

Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support.

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Week Day Mass Times:

Tuesday 12noon. *
Wednesday 7am
Thursday 8am
Friday 9am
*Anointing Mass 4th Tuesday Monthly

Weekend Mass Times:

Emerald: Saturday 6pm | Sunday 8am
Gemfields: 2nd & 4th Sunday monthly
10.30am | Anakie Community Hall
All Welcome

Church February Roster**Ground Maintenance**

Lachlan Boyle, Tony Caffery, John Millard

Church Linen: Marissa Ryan

Church Cleaning:

10th: Susan McCosker, Juliana McCosker

18th: Volunteers please

23rd: Jackie McGavin, Loyola McKinlay,
Marie Mahony

THIS WEEKEND 4/5 February**Sacristan:**

6pm: John Millard

8am: Peter Agius

Commentators:

6pm: Volunteer please

8am: Kazzandra Maunder

Readers:

6pm: Margaret Daniels, Evelyn Walker

8am: Yvonne Farrell, Sue McCosker

Communion Ministers:

6pm: Morag Hyslop, Volunteer please

8am: Peter Agius, Janice Moriarty

Altar Servers:

6pm: Volunteers please

8am: Volunteers please

No Children's Liturgy:**Holy Goods:**

6pm: Peg Layton

8am: Bronwyn Brown

Musicians:

6pm: Richard, Kevin, Lorraine

8am: Jun, Monica, Nita

**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Children 7yrs to 12 years**

An information session will be held Monday, 13th February, 3.30pm at St Patrick's Church for parents wishing to have their children baptised into the Catholic Faith.

Please register your interest, or if you have a query, contact the parish office on 4982 1066.

**World Youth Day Pilgrimage –
Sponsorship Now Available!**

Registrations are running out but there are still some available for our diocesan WYD pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal. The pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18 to about 35 and will leave Australia on the 28th of July and return on the 11th of August. This is an amazing experience that every young Catholic should try to get to at least once in their life. We are pleased to now be able to offer partial sponsorship for 4 pilgrims! Applications for sponsorship can be made online. For more information scan the QR code or contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

Prayer Night For Shelley Herwin

The Good Shepherd Group will dedicate their next gathering to prayers for the health of Shelley Herwin, Wednesday, 8th February, 7pm at the church. The Good Shepherd Group is an ecumenical gathering and welcomes all. The Good Shepherd Group will continue to pray for Shelley and all those needing prayers.

They invite you to place the names of persons needing prayers in the prayer box at the back of the church.

Further ways to pray for Shelley and all those needing healing and help are:
Legions of Mary Group that gather at the parish office, Mondays at 6pm.

Rosary at the Grotto, 5.30pm, Sundays
For more information contact the Parish Office, 4982 1066.

Parish Date Claimers

3rd Sunday of the month | morning tea and baptism preparations

4th weekend of the month | wedding anniversary blessings | baptism blessings

February St Patrick's School Opening School Mass 13th @ 9am

RCIC Parent Information Session 13th @ 3.30. Church

Reconciliation Parent Information Session 14th @ 3.30pm or 5pm. Church

Bishop's In-service Day 17th

Youth Group Gathering and BBQ 18th @ 10.30am

Reconciliation Enrolment Ceremony 19th @ 8am Mass

Ash Wednesday Mass, 22nd @ 7am

Marist College Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 22nd @ 9am

Anointing Mass 21st @ 12noon

Reconciliation Session. Cluster 1. 27th @

**Youth Gathering-BBQ**

Saturday, 18th February

10.30am - 11.30am

at the Church.

Open to children 9 years and up.

Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au



February Emergency Weekend Relief -
Salvation Army 4987 5421
Weekday support
The Neighbourhood Centre
P: 4982 1896