



St Michael's Parish, Traralgon

in partnership with

St Mary's Parish, Yarram

and including

St Columbkille's, Glengarry

St Gerard's Woodside

St Michael's Vision Statement: Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic Community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!

St Michael's Mission Statement:

To provide opportunities for parishioners -

- to grow in holiness,
- to discover and live out their personal and community call, to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

St Michael's Parish Information

www.smpt.org.au

Fr Bernard Buckley Parish Priest

Fr Prasanna Costa Assistant Priest

Parish Centre 5174 2060

Priests' Residence: 5174 6765

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Office hours –

Tues to Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm

Sacraments Admin: 5174 2060

Baptisms: Four weeks notice required

Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council

Susan Grout Chairperson, Fr Bernard, Fr Prasanna, Sr Doreen, Chris DiCorleto, Rose Pearson, Greg Imhagwe, Doug Doherty, Cathy Blackford, Ros Joyner and Rob Tarraran.

Our Schools:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515

Principal: Mrs Ros Joyner

St Michael's School 5174 3295

Acting Principal: Ms Jan Fitzpatrick

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

Director: Mr Doug Doherty

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

Director: Ms Lee McKenzie

REFLECTION: The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status. To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found. The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.

The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one? Similarly what woman is going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma – the least valuable of coins. When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience. In an echo of God's

ridiculous and unbounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own. By Greg Sunter

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education for nearly 30 years. He is currently employed by the Brisbane Catholic Education office. He has become well-known and well-regarded as a retreat and reflection facilitator and inservice presenter on a wide range of topics. Greg is the author of several books on adolescent faith and has presented at numerous conferences. Greg writes for liturgyhelp.com and his gospel reflections appear in Catholic parish bulletins and newsletters around Australia, U.K. and U.S.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Parish Prayer

*Lord Jesus You are loving and
Your mercy endures forever.*

*You are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, overflowing with love
and faithfulness.*

*Turn to me and have mercy on me,
forgive my sins and grant me
the Grace to live the life
worthy of your praise.*

*We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ, Our Lord.*

Amen.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Mary's Yarram
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	6:00 pm	St Michael's Traralgon

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

12th September to 17th September

Mon 12	9.30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Tues 13	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11:30am	Mass, St Mary's
Wed 14	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
Thu 15	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's
Fri 16	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Sat 17	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 10:15am & 5:30pm or any time by arrangement with Father.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Peter Kamsma, Maria Di Sisto, Michael Ruane, Aileen Waters, Aileen Dixon, Betty Carver, Rene Van Dam, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tom King, Richard Moulton, John McKee, Emilio Colonnelli, Margherita and Sabatino Di Donato, Charley O'Malley, Mon Le Grand and Marie Le Grand.

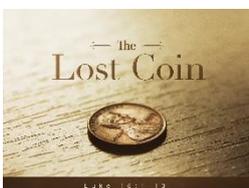
Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Virginia Sanchez, Fr Frank Freeman, Jan Gilmour, Brian O'Keefe, Mary O'Brien, Tom Dwyer, Carolyn Gleeson, Barry Felmingham, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Fergus



Darmody, Louis Janssen, Peter Jenner, Rita Sweeney, Peter Heron, Mia Coulthard, Father Frank Young, Walter Dyblik, Sarah Parker **and all who seek our prayers.**



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU: This is our third and final week with Fr Xavier Pinto in our midst. After his short stay with us, he will leave us on Monday. We are so grateful to you for the time you have spent here with us, Fr Xavier. May you be blessed in all your travels.

BAPTISM: The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Tuesday 18th October at 7:00pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information



ST MICHAEL'S MUMS & DADS GROUP: A great place to meet other parents and have some fun with the kids. Come and enjoy fellowship, friendship and food! We meet every Wednesday during school terms at St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Any inquiries to Jen Hanratty 5176 1178 or Louise Varsaci 0414 540 296.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The CPG meets every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All are welcome to come and join in! Enquiries to Cathy on 5174 3001.

Are you looking for a deeper experience of your Catholic faith?

All are warmly invited to attend the second session of "**The Gift**", a six week series of talks being held on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. The sessions will run from 8 Sept to 13 Oct. If you'd like to know more, please phone Cathy on 5174 3001

SMY@L – St Michael's Youth @ Latitude: St Michael's Parish Youth Group for young people in Yr 5 – lower secondary

Friday 14th October Progressive
Dinner

Walking dinner around Traralgon. Meet at the Church at 6:30pm. Pick up from the Church at 8:30pm.

Permission slip required. Cost enough money for dinner & dessert (\$10+).

Phone Leah on 0438 811 709 for info.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse:

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held Mar 26th – 31st 2017. To request an application contact Anne Sherston by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

st michael's@100

SEPTEMBER CENTENARY EVENTS our time of centennial celebrations is drawing to an end. Don't miss these celebrations in September, the month of our patron saint, St Michael.

Wednesday 14th 7:00-8:30PM, Session 4 with Fr Elio Capra.

Topic: The Joy of Love (Synod on the Family); 'from the ideal family to struggling families living together in loving, compassionate and forgiving ways'.

Thursday 29th 7:30pm Feast day of St Michael Prayer Service in the Church.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE

OF SALE: Thank you for your generous contributions to the Priest's Welfare Foundation. The amount given was \$1461.00.

NET Ministries Australia is



a non-profit organisation committed to the evangelisation of Australia's youth. NET exists to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the church and since its beginning in 1988, NET has stood firm in the belief that the best way to evangelise a young person is with another young person. Each year NET calls together around 50 Catholic men and women, aged 18 to 30, to be formed as missionary disciples and commissioned for a year of volunteer youth work. They work in teams in parishes, schools and universities offering themselves as authentic witnesses of the gospel. They run retreats, lead youth groups and host social events among many other things.

NET is currently looking for passionate young men and women who want to have the adventure of a lifetime to join the mission in 2017! Are you one of them? If you're interested in the mission of NET, and want to learn more about how you can be a part of it, go to our website www.netministries.com.au or find us on Facebook at 'NET Australia'.

... **and a few more** ...

- In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency', notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they look sexy.

Gospel Reading - continued

"Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Next weeks Readings	
24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading:	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel:	Luke 15:1-32



MASS FOR HEALING: Very Reverend Dean Peter Bickley invites you to the next Mass for Healing, in this Year of Mercy, which will be offered at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on Sunday 25th September at 2pm. An emphasis on this Mass will be for the healing of families. We acknowledge that many families today are fractured, hurting and some are in crisis. This is an opportunity to seek God's forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. Adoration will begin at 1pm with confession available. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your religious items to be blessed. *Action for Life* appreciates the opportunity to be involved with this Mass for healing.



**URGENTLY WANTED:
VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently urgently seeking a couple to assist the Priest in the community of **Balgo** and a couple to manage the **Warmun Retreat Centre** over the wet season. There are several other roles also available. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. **For further details, and an application form, please contact:** Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 0415 526 142
Email: volunteers@broome-diocese.org
Web: www.broome-diocese.org
Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

NEW IN OUR PARISHES? CHANGED ADDRESSES? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know. You could fill in this form and return it at your convenience – on the plate at Mass, at church or to the parish office. We'll look forward to catching up with you.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

FINANCE MATTERS:

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Weekend September 03 & 04

First Collection: \$1068.00

P/Giving Envelopes: \$3190.00

Thank you for your generosity

If you wish to have further information about our Planned Giving programme, please contact the Parish Office.

Counters:

Sept 11 Burns Team

Sept 18 Arend Team

Rosters for September 17 & 18 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm	Sr Doreen	S Hill	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland	H Luque	Diamante family	P & S Armstrong
Sunday 9:30 am	S Grout N Georgeson	L Van der Velden	P Carlin, T Denny, J & W Waanders, T & L Panozzo-Tilé	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Van der Velden
Sunday 6:00pm	C Blackford	J Hayes	J Reid, Rob Tarraran, D Lock, Volunteer	Volunteer	Rod Hayes & Co.	A O'Neill

- **Altar Cleaning:** September 12 S Edgar September 19 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** September McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** September 18 Team 3 – M Saunders, J Doherty, T Caldwell
- **Mick's Kitchen:** Sept 15 Moretti team September 22 Wilksch Team
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 18 J McCormick September 25 S & S Wandue

• Please contact the family before you leave the statue to make sure they are home. Thank you.

For further information regarding roster please contact: Marie Moulton 5174 0938 Email: memou_38@bigpond.com

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading Ex 32:7-11 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4 12-13 17 19 Rk 15:18
(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. *(Continued on page 3)*