



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

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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

Social Justice Sunday: September 26, 2016. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'.

The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.

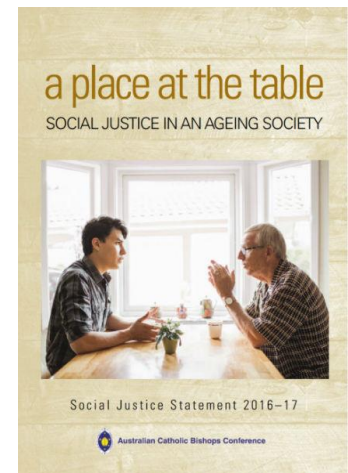
In a society in which older people are being asked to work beyond the traditional retirement age, the bishops call for the benefits of work to be shared equitably. We must be especially aware of the needs of those who enter retirement in poverty or are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, social isolation or exploitation.

The Bishops consider the circumstances of those who are approaching the end of their lives and warn of the loneliness, ageism and abuse that older people can experience. In particular, the Bishops warn about implications of the current community debate on euthanasia.

The Bishops call for communities of mercy and love – where people reach out and minister to vulnerable older

people, where bonds between generations are built up, and where no one is cast as being a burden or as rivals to younger generations.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.



Church Signs:

- ♥ God's answers are wiser than our prayers!
- ♥ Our Church is Prayer Conditioned!
- ♥ No problem is too great to place in God's hands.
- ♥ P.U.S.H. = Pray Until Something Happens!
- ♥ For Home Improvement – Bring the Family to Church.

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

19th September to 24th September

Mon 19	10:30am	Requiem Mass for Olga Breen, St Michael's
Tues 20	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Wed 21	11:30am	Rosary, St Michael's
	12:00pm	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Thu 22	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Fri 23	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Sat 24	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 Olga Breen, Brian O'Keefe, Shirley D'Alterio, Peter Kamsma, Maria Di Sisto and Michael Ruane, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Cooney, Kath Tobias and Eddy Van der Velden.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including, Fr Frank Freeman, Jan Gilmour, 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.**



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. A '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.

WELCOME BACK: Fr Bernard is back from his holidays this weekend. We hope he had a lovely holiday, and is eager for life back in our Parishes.

PRIESTS AND CLERGY INSERVICE: Fr Bernard and Fr Prasanna will be in Melbourne this coming week attending the Clergy Inservice. Should you need a priest in an emergency during the week, please ring the Parish Office number and leave a message. The message will be forwarded to 'our Fathers'.

BAPTISM: We welcome for baptism this week, Max Theo O'Neill son of David and Natasha. Our congratulations to the family from all of us.



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 third 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you're able to give two hours a week on a Tuesday morning to shampoo and set hair for the lovely people at O'Mara House, please contact O'Mara House on 5174 8335. A roster will be set up to spread the load out a bit. No training or experience necessary, just requires generosity of time and heart, and a warm smile.



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SEPTEMBER CENTENARY EVENTS On Wednesday evening, Fr Elio came for his last visit in this series and spoke to us of the Joy of Love. In his own entertaining way, he spoke of the joy of recognising that Jesus came and shared meals with 'ordinary folk'; they weren't 'squeaky clean and pure', they were just ordinary folk like us, limited by their endeavours to live life.

He urged us to remember that the Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open, and that we too, need to meet our days with our hearts wide open to Jesus' love and call.

Fr Elio used some material from a book called 'Pope Francis: The Name of God is Mercy'. It contained some marvellous news for each one of us. It is a question and answer session with Pope Francis on a variety of relevant subjects. The book is available from booksellers online, I've found a copy for around \$33 plus postage at dymocks.com.au.

Again, sincere thanks to the Centenary Committee for arranging this series of talks. Everyone who attended is, I'm sure, much richer for the experience.

- Keep your eyes open, a booklet on the history of the Parish is at the printers, and will hopefully be available to us in the next week or two.
- And so, our final event in our 100 year celebrations will be on **Thursday 29th 7:30pm Feast day of St Michael** Prayer Service in the Church. All are warmly invited to attend.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: The Diocese of Sale is now catching up with parishes about our parish WWCC register in preparation for the new guidelines that come into effect on 1st January 2017. We are asked to be ready by October 15, 2016.

All parishioners who volunteer in our Church in *any way* are now required to provide a Working With Children Check. *You can apply by going online to*

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. There is no charge if you apply as a volunteer. *If you have already given us a copy of your WWCC, could you please go online and ensure that you have added St Michael's Parish, Traralgon as a place of your volunteer activities.* If you need any help, please contact Bev in the Parish Office



Annual General Meeting
of the St. Gabriel's School Board
will be held
Tuesday 18th October
At 6pm

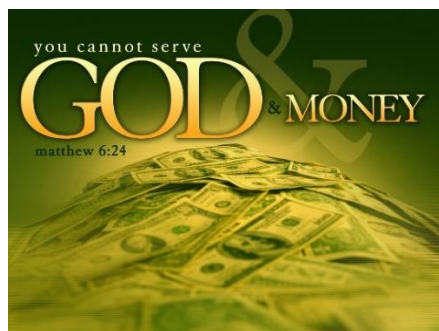
MASS FOR HEALING: Very Reverend Dean Peter Bickley invites you to the next Mass for Healing, in this Year of Mercy, which will be offered at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on Sunday 25th September at 2pm.

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.



Catholic menALIVE ministry:

Would you be interested in bringing the Catholic menALIVE Ministry to our Parish? The men of Mentone invite 3-4 men from Yarram or Traralgon to an upcoming menALIVE weekend 15th Oct to test the water.



Weekend cost will be provided for, billet accommodation available.

www.menalive.org.au or call Dan 0432 215 765 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060.



Diary Date:
Thursday 29th
September
7:30pm
Prayer Service

Would you like to volunteer overseas?

The Cagliero Project, run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, gives Australians an opportunity to devote six to twelve months in volunteer service to youth in overseas Salesian communities. The Salesians are known for their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged youth. Therefore our volunteers are placed in projects such as schools, youth centres and orphanages. Our aim is to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models, people that young people can aspire to be. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!



Applications for January 2017 departures are open until October 15th, 2016. Please visit www.cagliero.org.au for more information.

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.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.

Weekend September 10 & 11

First Collection: \$ 989.00

P/Giving Envelopes: \$2166.00

Thank you for your generosity

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

Counters:

Sept 18 Arend Team

Sept 25 Armstrong Team

Rosters for September 24 & 25 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm	C DiCorleto	M Noone	J Scholtes, C Livesey, R Tactor, Volunteer	S Frankland L Kennedy	Jane	A & M Giddens
Sunday 9:30 am	J Dal Pra U Imhagwe	H Daly	W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, Volunteers x 2	C Collis	Jane	G Imhagwe
Sunday 6:00pm	Rob Tarraran	Robyn Tarraran	R & J Hayes, A Ward, Volunteer	G Edgar, J Sykes	Jane	C Fernando

- **Altar Cleaning:** September 19 F Rycak
- **Church Cleaning:** September McLaughlin Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** September 25 School holidays
- **Mick's Kitchen:** Sept 22 Wilsch Team
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Sept 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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Next weeks Readings	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading:	Amos 6:1,4-7
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel:	Luke 16:19-31

