



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

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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

A PLACE AT THE TABLE: Social Justice in an Ageing Society.

Today the Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday.

The ageing of the population has been rightly described as 'the great success story of human development' and 'the most positive development in the last century of human history'.

The number of Australians aged 65 and over will more than double from 3.6 million today to 8.9 million by the middle of the century. Where once retirement was considered a period of rest and declining health, we now speak of 'active ageing' in an 'extended life course' – a transition through the 50s to the 80s, with changing activities and concerns as time goes on.

We should give thanks to God for the grace of a long life and for the prosperous and modern society we live in. We should be grateful for the inheritance we have received from previous generations. Their generosity can be seen, not only in the fruits of their labour and advances in science and technology, but also in the many institutions and policies promoting the common good and assisting people struggling through difficult times.

It can be easy to take these things for granted. We can forget the great challenges faced by earlier generations, which inspired a sense of social justice that cried out 'never again!' to the impacts of economic depressions, world wars, disease and natural disasters.

It is vital that our society continues to support all Australians, especially the most vulnerable. This Social Justice Statement emphasises the role and value of older people in Australian life. We demand that

their contribution is never reduced to a mere economic valuation. We call for a higher level of care for older people who are frail and vulnerable. The sanctity and dignity of their lives must be defended against a 'throw-away' culture. And we urge a renewed solidarity among generations young and old – ensuring all are valued and included.

Older Australians are a treasure – 'a wealth not to be ignored'. We must acknowledge the legacy of our elders as we plan for the future. Will we ensure they find their rightful place at the table? Will we ourselves come to the table on the vital issue of social justice in an ageing society?

(From the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2016-2017 Social Justice Statement.)

From Pope Francis:

Just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly. This represents a challenge to families and communities, since 'the Church cannot and does not want to conform to a mentality of impatience, and much less of indifference and contempt, towards old age. We must reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elderly feel like a living part of the community. Our elderly are men and women, fathers and mothers, who came before us on our own road, in our own house, in our daily battle for a worthy life'. Indeed, 'how I would like a Church that challenges the throw-away culture by the overflowing joy of a new embrace between young and old!'

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

26^h September to 1st October

Mon 26	10:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's Mass,
Tues 27	9:30am	St Michael's Mass,
	11:30am	St Michael's Mass,
Wed 28	10:00am	St Mary's Mass,
	12:00pm	St Mary's Mass,
Thu 29	1:00pm	St Michael's Requiem Mass for Carmel Iseppi
Fri 30	9:30am	St Michael's Mass,
Sat 31	9:30am	St Michael's Mass,

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 Sr Barbara May CSB, Denis Bassett, Carmel Iseppi, Moira Fogarty Tysall, Olga Breen, Brian O'Keefe and Shirley D'Alterio, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bro. Jose Vetticattil, Varkey Vetticattil, Kathleen Kennedy and Nerolie Ludden.

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.

SR BARBARA MAY CSB: Many parishioners will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Sr Barbara May. Sr Barbara taught at Kildare College for a number of years; she was then known as Sr Stephen. During her time in our parish she was an enthusiastic supporter of the Parish Youth Group. We give thanks for her life and pray for God's healing for her family.

Requiem Mass for the repose of Sr Barbara will be offered at St Augustine's Catholic Church, Maryborough on Tuesday 27th September at 11:00am.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the PPC is on Wednesday October 5th at 5:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to make submissions for discussion at the PPC.

RECONCILIATION 2016: The programme for the preparation of our young ones to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence with a Parent Meeting on Wednesday 5th October commencing at 6:45pm.

PARISH WEBSITE: our thanks to Stephen Kimani, Adrian Crawford and their band of helpers who have our website up and running. Check out www.smpt.org.au!

Anyone who has reports or photos of parish life can email them to the parish office for possible inclusion in the website.

PIETY STALL NEWS: 2017 Columban Calendars are now available for sale in the Piety Stall. \$9.00 per copy. Get yours early!

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.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A DEEPER EXPERIENCE OF YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

All are warmly invited to attend the fourth 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.

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- 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 so.
- And so, our final event in our 100 year celebrations will be on **the Feast Day of St Michael, Thursday 29th September at 7:30pm.** We will celebrate with a Prayer Service in the Church. All are warmly invited to attend, to make a prayer in thanks for the blessings of our parish in our lives.

OUR PATRON SAINT:

Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- The first is to combat Satan.
- The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, which themselves are sparse

In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people."

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses.

The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.

There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise, who defends against Balaam, and "who routed the army of Sennacherib."

Today, St. Michel is invoked for protection, especially from lethal enemies. Patron of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, paratroopers, police, and sickness.



DAYLIGHT SAVING: The 2016-2017

daylight saving period will commence in Victoria on **Sunday, 2 October 2016,**

when clocks will go forward one hour at 2am and will conclude on **Sunday, 2 April 2017,** when clocks will go backwards one hour at 3am.



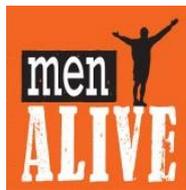
FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: The Morwell Parishes invite all to join in their celebrations of the Feast of St Francis on Sunday October 2 at the Sacred Heart Church, 266 Commercial Road, Morwell. The celebrations commence at 2:00pm with Mass, a procession and benediction, followed by refreshments in the School Hall.

AND ANOTHER SAINT: On **September 27,** we celebrate the Feast day of **St Vincent de Paul**, one of our better known Saints, thanks to the sterling work of the many Vinnies volunteers around the globe. We are blessed to have a strong Vinnies Chapter right here in Traralgon.

St Vincent de Paul was born to a French peasant family in 1580. He was a highly intelligent youth and was educated by the Franciscans for several years, before being ordained at the age of 20. In 1605 he was captured by Turkish pirates who sold him into slavery, but won his freedom after he converted one of his masters to Christianity. After returning to France, he served as a parish priest near Paris and began to establish charitable organisations that helped the poor, nursed the sick and found work for the unemployed. St Vincent founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac, and instituted the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, also known as the Lazarists. Today the Society of St Vincent de Paul provides relief to people in need across the world.

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 in St Michael's Church.



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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Prayer for Mercy

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:

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to **all** mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Weekend September 17 & 18

First Collection: \$ 978.00

P/Giving Envelopes: \$1701.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Counters:

Sept 25 Armstrong Team

Oct 02 Morris Team

Rosters for October 01 & 02– 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm	B O'Brien	C Livesey	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, Volunteer	A O'Hara	Jane	A Symonds
Sunday 9:30 am	R Diaz C McLure	M Tainsh	J & W Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, Volunteer	T & L Biancon	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
Sunday 6:00pm	C Roga	L Varsaci	Rob Tarraran, J Reid, D Locke, Volunteer	A Ward		B Kennedy

- **Altar Cleaning:** Sept 26 A Xuereb October 03 Lyn Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** October 02 School holidays
- **Mick's Kitchen:** Sept 29 Van Berkel Team October 06 Redi Team
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** Oct 02 Mr & Mrs McNulty October 09 Mrs D Bau

• 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 Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.*

First Reading Amos 6:1 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will
be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.""

Next weeks Readings	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading:	Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4
Second Reading:	2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel:	Luke 17:5-19

