



## 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](http://www.smpt.org.au)

**Fr Bernard Buckley** Parish Priest  
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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

### **GOD'S IN CHARGE ... YOU'RE FREE!:**

*(with thanks to former parishioner Paul Skippen for this contribution to our bulletin.)*

It's very predictable. Often when I talk with a group of high school students, I ask who would like more freedom from parents. Most hands shoot up. It's normal for young people to thirst for freedom, just like it's normal for parents to get nervous about granting it. But this week's Gospel is all about freedom – the freedom that comes when you realise God's in charge and you're not.

Our culture is pretty competitive. Who will get the best grades? Who will win the game? Who will look the best? It's easy for life to become nothing but one long final exam where success means everything. And that's when life becomes pretty meaningless. Jesus offers us so much by reminding us that we're God's servants.

But how's that better? After all, who wants to be a servant when they grow up? It's better because it frees us. God's in charge. We can't solve the world's problems. That's God's job. So don't worry about being a successful Christian. God asks you only to faithfully do what you can, remembering that God's love doesn't depend on your success.

We're free. We're free to take risks for our faith because we don't need to worry about success. A lot of young people have inspired me by that willingness. "What have I got to lose?" they've said as they've signed up for

service trips or joined youth groups. And the more you risk things for God, the Master, the more you'll get what the Apostles wanted in this week's Gospel: more faith. Risking for faith is like lifting weights – it builds spiritual muscle.

What a gift God has given us by taking charge. In a world where you might feel responsible for so much, enjoy the freedom that comes from being God's servant. *Does your fear of failure ever stop you from taking risks for your faith?*

**The Action:** Having faith the size of a mustard seed is not always easy, especially when we can see obstacles and trials in our path. This is particularly true when we are asked to have faith in ourselves and the gifts and talents we have been given. Challenge yourself this week to climb one of these mountains, no matter how small it may be. Have faith the size of the mustard seed in yourself and be amazed by what God can accomplish through you! Though you may not get the result for which you were hoping, you may be surprised by the outcome.



## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	St Michael's Traralgon
<b>Sunday</b>	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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Mon 03</b>	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's Mass, Marjery Cole
<b>Tues 04</b>	10:45am	Funeral prayers for Blair Turnbull, St Michael's
<b>Wed 05</b>	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
<b>Thu 06</b>	10:00am	Mass, Dalkeith Hostel
	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Margaret Kozlowska, St Michael's
<b>Fri 07</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
<b>Sat 08</b>	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 Blair Turnbull, Margaret Kozlowska, Carmel Iseppi, Denis O'Keefe, Sr Barbara May CSB, Denis Bassett, Moira Fogarty Tysall and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alvick Zabala, Edward O'Neill, Raffael Loprese, Fr McCormack and Monsignor Bernie O'Regan.

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

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including, Tony Tactor, 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.**

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

**WELCOME BACK:** A warm welcome back to our staff and students at St Michael's and St Gabriel's Primary Schools and at Lavalla Catholic College. May Term 4 bring energy, peace, good reports and great growth as the children and staff walk closely with our God through this coming term.

**CELEBRATING St MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY:** A big thank you to Mike Hansen and the Liturgy Team for the uplifting Liturgy which was celebrated on Thursday evening in the Church.

May each of us be blessed with the courage, perseverance and faith of our Patron Saint.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting of the PPC is on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 6:45pm.

**Mick's Kitchen:** As we approach the first birthday of Mick's Kitchen, our outreach project continues to grow, and all our volunteers are continuing to learn. This seems like an appropriate time to review the work of Mick's Kitchen. So all leaders, volunteers, St V de P members and interested parishioners are invited to an "MK Review", in the MK Dining Room at the St Vincent de Paul Centre, on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Our 9 Teams have done a marvellous job getting this important project up and running. Some challenges are emerging for some Teams. Please consider coming to the meeting to help strengthen the work, to improve its operation and make sure it is sustainable into the future.

**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.

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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 two.

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



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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We have had a few members of our Children's Liturgy Team who have moved on.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Children's Liturgy takes place at 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings. It's a joyous time, sharing the Gospel with the children at their level. If you feel you are able to help out in this worthwhile ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060. If you have need of more information, please call Carol on 5174 7712.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

**LRH HOSPITAL VISITATION:** There is now a legal requirement that patients on entering hospital have to assent to have visits from members of the St. Michael's Visiting Team. This law has greatly impacted on the numbers visited because people are not well informed about this requirement, and so don't appear on the Catholic list. Please, we ask all parishioners to get their loved ones to tick the appropriate box on their admittance.



**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Est 4:17

***Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.***

**First Reading** Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 94:1-2 6-9 Rv8

***(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!***

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. ***(R.)***
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. ***(R.)***
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' ***(R.)***

**Second Reading**

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after

something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**Gospel Acclamation**

1 Pt 1:25

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!***

**Gospel**

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'



Next weeks Readings

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19