



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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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

HALF-HEARTED CATHOLICS AREN'T REALLY CATHOLICS AT ALL, POPE SAYS:

THOSE who insist others pray and believe exactly like they do, those who have alternatives to every Church teaching and benefactors who use the Church as a cover for business connections may call themselves Catholics, but they have one foot out the door, Pope Francis said.

"Many people say they belong to the Church", but in reality have "only one foot inside", the Pope said at the morning Mass in the chapel of his residence. "For these people, the Church is not home", but is a place they use as a rental property, he said, according to Vatican Radio.

Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel reading, John 17:20-26, and Jesus' prayer that there would be unity, not divisions and conflict, among his disciples. There are three groups of people who called themselves Catholic, but were not really, the Pope said. Apologising for making up words, he labelled the three groups: "uniformists", "alternativists" and "businessists".

The first group, he said, believed that everyone in the Church should be just like them. "They are rigid! They do not have that freedom the Holy Spirit gives", and they confuse what Jesus preached with their "own doctrine of uniformity". "Jesus never wanted the Church to be so rigid," Pope Francis said. Such people "call themselves Catholics, but their rigid attitude distances them from the Church". The second group, those with alternative teachings and doctrines, "has a partial belonging to the Church. These, too, have one foot outside the Church," he said.

"They rent the Church", not recognizing that its teaching is based on the preaching of Jesus and the apostolic tradition.

Members of the third group "call themselves Christians but don't enter into the heart of the Church", they use the Church "for personal profit", the Pope said. "We have all seen them in parish or diocesan communities and religious congregations; they are some of the benefactors of the Church." "They strut around proud of being benefactors, but in the end, under the table, make their deals," he said.

Pope Francis said the Church was made up of people with a variety of differences and gifts, and if one wanted to belong to it, he or she must be motivated by love and enter with "your whole heart".

Being open to the Spirit, who fostered harmony in diversity, he said, brought "docility", which was "the virtue that saves us" from entering the Church half-heartedly.



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

10th October to 15th October

Mon 10	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's Mass, Crossley House, Yarram
Tues 11	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Mrs Judith White, St Michael's Mass, St Mary's
Wed 12	10:00am	Requiem Mass for Mrs Elisa Fuoco 12:00pm
Thu 13	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 14	10:30am	Mass, BUPA Care
Sat 15	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 Ron Anderson, Elisa Fuoco, Judith White, Blair Turnbull, Margaret Kozlowska, and Denis O'Keefe and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Virginia Roberts, Jean Lythgo, Rose Kelly, Jim Lawler, Fr John Davis and Fr Jim Kennedy.

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.



WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations and the very best wishes of us all to Julia Moretti and Sam Amaira who are to be married at St Michael's this weekend.



"Father, hear our prayers for Julia and Sam. With faith in you and in each other they pledge their love today." Rite of Marriage.

RECONCILIATION 2016: We are fortunate to have our young candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation bringing their Commitment Slips to our Masses this weekend. Please make them welcome. The first Parent/Child Workshop will be held on Wednesday October 19. Two sessions to choose from either 4:00pm or 5:30pm.

Mick's Kitchen: As we approach the first birthday of Mick's Kitchen, it seems 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, this Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00pm. It is requested that all 9 Teams are represented at this meeting, bringing with them the ideas, thoughts, suggestions etc, of their group. We hope this meeting will strengthen the work of Mick's Kitchen, improve its operation and make sure it is sustainable into the future

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It's here! 'St Michael's Parish 1916-2016' Books are now available for sale in the Piety Stall for \$5.00 a copy. The books will be on sale after all Masses next weekend. Great gifts for children, aunts, uncles, parishioners who are now living in other places.

AND ANOTHER 100

YEARS: On November 10th, Mary Holmes will celebrate her 100th birthday. Her family wish to celebrate on Saturday 12th November at the Traralgon Football Club between 1:00pm and 5:00pm, and would happily welcome any of her friends who wish to call in for a cuppa. Congratulations Mary, and best wishes from us all.



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



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

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



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 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.

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.

A Prayer for all Ages

God of all creation, you are timeless and beyond all ages.

We who are growing old give thanks for the years you have given us – for family, friends and all those who have enriched our lives.

We who are not yet old give thanks for the older people in our lives: for grandparents, loved ones, friends and all who generously offer the wise counsel of their years.

We who are growing old pray that we may be patient with our ageing limbs and difficulties in everyday tasks we once did much more easily.

We who are not yet old pray for patience and kindness towards those who do not move as quickly as we would sometimes like.

We who are growing old pray for good health in our later years, and forbearance when our health fails us.

We who are not yet old pray for good health for those we love and compassion towards those who suffer ill health.

We who are growing old pray for prudence and sweet timing, in offering our wisdom to the next generation, while respecting their energy and creativity.

We who are not yet old pray for openness and humility in receiving the advice and guidance of our elders.

We who are growing old pray that we may face our death with serenity and dignity.

We who are not yet old pray that we affirm the sacredness of each person’s life and accompany those who are dying with gentleness and deep respect.

God of endless love, help us to understand that we share a common life journey, a call to live life to the full and to strive to enable all creation to come to the fullness of the Cosmic Christ. Amen

FAMILY GROUPS: The combined Family Groups will hold a brunch in the Mary MacKillop Hall after 9:30am Mass on Sunday 23rd October. Please bring along a plate of finger food to share. Tea, coffee and cordial supplied. All parishioners welcome!!

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 final session of “The Gift”, in the Mary MacKillop Hall. If you’d like to know more, please phone Cathy on 5174 3001

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.



... and some more ‘Church Signs’:

- Prayer – the ultimate wireless connection
- God answers all knee mail.
- Can't sleep? Don't count sheep - talk to the shepherd!
- “I’m also making a list and checking it twice” – God

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:

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:18

Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

Weekend October 01 & 02

First Collection: \$ 995.00

P/Giving Envelopes: \$1857.00

Thank you for your generosity

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

Counters:

Oct 09 Mitchell Team

Oct 16 Burns Team

Rosters for October 15 & 16 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm	Sr Doreen	D Smith	C DiCorleto, B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland	H Luque		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 Locke, Volunteer	Volunteer	Rod Hayes & Co	A O’Neill

- **Altar Cleaning:** October 10 M Giddens & C Tognella October 17 M Tainsh
- **Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** October 16 Team 1 S Rickwood, R Pearson
- **Mick's Kitchen:** October 13 Keppitipola Team October 20 May Team
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** October 16 Mr & Mrs Tainsh October 23 C & C Watts
- Please contact the family before you leave the statue to make sure they are home. Thank you.

Entrance Antiphon Ps 129:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4 R see V2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



Next weeks Readings

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8