



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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Fr Prasanna Costa Assistant Priest
 Parish Centre 5174 2060
 Priests' Residence: 5174 6765
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 Parish Secretary: Mrs Bev O'Brien
 Email: sec@smpt.org.au
 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

RECONCILIATION: With quite a few of our young parishioners preparing to receive the sacrament of Penance for the first time soon, it might be worth the space to ponder the importance still of 'Reconciliation'.

A proposition that came out of a Synod of Bishops on Evangelization a few years ago was a call for the Sacrament of Penance to be "put again at the centre of the pastoral activity of the Church". Perhaps in the Year of Mercy Pope Francis has wanted to do that, and for us to consider our place in the celebration of penance.

It is certainly true that most Catholics have walked away from the formal practice of the sacrament, though many still come during Lent and Advent. Many of us would remember very regular 'confession'. I remember as boarding school kids, we were lined up every week to go. That seems a bit excessive, we'd be unlikely to try that now!!! But I know a communal ceremony of reconciliation can be a meaningful time at gatherings like the Year 12 retreat.

Penance, Reconciliation, Confession are different titles, but are all aspects of the Sacrament that celebrates God's love and mercy. It celebrates the call to repentance after a process of conversion of heart. Through the process, a person is reconciled with God, the Church and the world, to continue to live as a disciple of Jesus.

There are three forms of the celebration of penance. Reconciliation for Individual Penitents, or "First Rite of Reconciliation", is celebrated by an individual in the presence of the priest. This is our most

practiced form of the sacrament. I'm not convinced we do that ceremony with the richness the Rite calls for, which involves a greeting, a reading from scripture, the penitent reflecting on their circumstances and confessing their sins, penance, and absolution. The rite concludes with a short thanksgiving.

With the children coming soon for the first time, we will celebrate a Second Rite of Reconciliation, as a bigger group; with a reading of the Word – prayers, a few words from the priest, an examination of conscience, a call to repentance, then a shorter one-to-one reconciliation follows.

Many will remember joyful Third Rites of Reconciliation, a form we used for a few years, perhaps twenty years ago. In its wisdom the official church asked that practice be discontinued. This Rite is restricted to emergencies and other special circumstances.

Prayer and participating in the Eucharist are the most regular means now for Catholics to ask for forgiveness and reconciliation with God and the community. However, there are still times when people need the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation in their struggle to be forgiven and forgiving, to discover again the gift of God's saving action in their lives and to be strengthened to continue living as disciples of Jesus.

I hope the children will come to know better the God who is ever merciful and forgiving. Perhaps their first reconciliation will help them to do so.

Fr Bernard

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

17th October to 22nd October

Mon 17	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Tues 18	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11:30am	Mass, St Mary's
Wed 19	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	11:00am	Requiem Mass for Mr Cosmo Albanese
Thu 20	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
	11:30am	Requiem Mass for Mr Edgar England St Michael's
Fri 21	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Sat 22	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 Cosmo Albanese, Edgar England, Liz King, Amanda Dawson, Craig Jeffs, Tom Boyle, Ron Andersen, Elisa Fuoco and Judith White and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Michael McNulty, Margaret Matters, Virginia Roberts and Michael Flynn.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Veronica Barter, 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.**

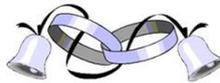


PIETY STALL NEWS: 2017 Columban Calendars are now available for sale in the Piety Stall. \$9.00 per copy. Get yours early.

WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations and the very best wishes of us all to Kylie Laszczyk and Justin Smith who are to be married at St Michael's this weekend.

Love delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. (1Cor13:7-8)



BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, Peyton Jane Palmer, daughter of Justin and Melanie. Congratulations to the family, from us all.

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.

RECONCILIATION 2016: Please keep our youngsters who are preparing for Reconciliation in your prayers, and their families too, as they take the first individual steps forward on their sacramental journeys.

The first Parent/Child Workshop will be held on Wednesday October 19. Two sessions to choose from either 4:00pm or 5:30pm.

WORKING BEE – Wednesday October

19 at 9:00am: Calling on all parishioners to help out with a lot of pruning, weeding, trans-planting and other repair work which needs to be done at the Church and the Parish Office.

We're hoping for a lot of new volunteers, along with the 'regular crew'. Please bring your own tools and gardening equipment. Contact Peter Dal Pra on 5184 1323 for further information.

ASBESTOS AUDIT: In both our parishes, last week at St Michael's and this week at St Mary's, all our parish buildings are undergoing checks for the presence of asbestos. This is a requirement on all parishes in the Diocese of Sale. An audit report will be given to each parish and must be made available whenever work is done on our buildings. This audit will help in our compliance with some of the health and safety requirements that are now so much part of parish life.



Mick's Kitchen: On Wednesday evening Mick's Kitchen volunteers, St Vinnies representatives and parish members met in the St Vinnies Centre. What a long way we've come in the past year – from an idea to a practical functioning outreach, at first feeding 8-10 people each week, to now, feeding 50-60 people each week. Items discussed included:-

- Grant funding – MK has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$5000 under the Stronger Communities Programme. Our thanks to Darren Chester and his staff and to Cath Hill for all their work in following this up.
- Donations - we have been fortunate to receive donations from the Parish, and from many local businesses. Recently, Alan Wilson Insurance Brokers donated commercial kitchen goods, some of which we can use, and some we will sell to raise funds for our own kitchen in the St Vinnies centre.
- Brian Doyle from StVdP spoke - they are happy to accommodate and promote Mick's Kitchen. He sees that the project is meeting a real need, and we need to keep at it with good faith and good cheer.
- Team reports – reports were received from each team. We are still evolving, our methods being refined, and there's still plenty of learning to do.
- Volunteers are needed to come in for a chat with our guests when you have time.
- Helpers are also needed to go on an 'emergency list' to help our teams out when they are short-staffed. Please contact the office if you're able to help.
- Our next group meeting will be held in April 2017, date to be advised.

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- It's here! St Michael's Parish 1916 - 2016 Booklets are available for sale after Masses this weekend for \$5.00 a copy. After this weekend they will be available in the Piety stall, or the Parish Office.

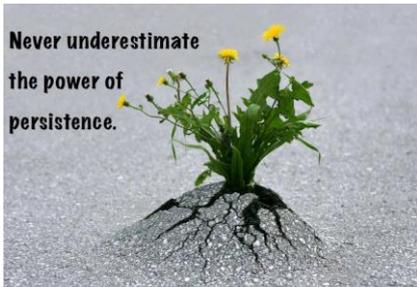
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: Our Parish is asked to be fully compliant with WWCC (or VIT equivalent) evidence for every volunteer and staff member in our Parish. **We are asked to be ready by October 25, 2016.**

There is still a *large* number of people who are yet to furnish the office with current WWCC / VIT credentials. Could all volunteers *please* ensure the Parish Office has their up to date WWCC records. If you need assistance to obtain a WWCC certificate, please contact Bev in the parish office on 5174 2060.

POP UP 'OP SHOP': We are trying to gauge whether there is any interest in this concept, where we collect OpShop / Garage Sale type items, and then pick a date for a 'Pop Up Sale'. We would need a base to operate the sale from, and probably a storage area to collect goods in.

Moneys raised by the sale of goods would be used to help make some improvements around the Church.

If you've any helpful ideas, please contact Carmel Collis on 5175 0549.



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the power of
persistence.

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And a few more paraprofessionals:

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level, and beat you with experience.
- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

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.

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.

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

Friday 4th November – Croquet & Games Night. Try something new and have fun at the same time. Permission slip required for walk to Croquet Club (available on the night). Meet at St Michael's Mary MacKillop Hall, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Cost \$3.00. Contact Sally 0403 282 630 for info.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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.



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:

"...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

Weekend October 08 & 09

First Collection: \$1269.00
P/Giving Envelopes: \$2197.00

Thank you for your generosity

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

Counters:

Oct 16 Burns Team
Oct 23 Arend Team

Rosters for October 22 & 23 – 29th 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:** October 17 M Tainsh October 24 J Scholtes
- **Church Cleaning:** October Couling Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** October 23 Team 2 C Dalton, L Zalesiak, G Edgar
- **Mick's Kitchen:** October 20 May Team October 27 Scholtes Team
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** October 23 C & C Watts October 30 Mons Allman
- 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 Ps 16:6,8

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

First Reading Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps120 R v2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help? My help
shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Tim 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy.

This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The word of God is living and active;
It probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Next weeks Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14