



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.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE

ADULTS: Central to the mission of St Michael's and St Mary's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

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, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Doug Doherty, Jan Fitzpatrick, 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

ANOINTING THE SICK: The Anointing Mass at St Mary's, Yarram, this week will, I hope, be a happy and prayerful experience for those who will gather. I hope it's an enjoyable social event too. I've found that those who can't come to the church any more miss not only the religious practices in life, but also the accompanying social encounters with fellow parishioners, developed over many, many decades.

This week I was called to the hospital to anoint someone due for surgery the next morning; and someone else who was towards the end of their earthly journey. It's a real privilege to be asked to come to the bedside of one who is facing serious surgery; or who won't be with us much longer. Sometimes I ask people if they have 'had enough', if living this life is of no more of interest to them. The answer is often 'yes' and I anoint them. I think of the sacrament of Anointing as giving people 'strength for the journey' they are on. The prayers are meaningful, succinct and tested over a long, long time.

Sometimes in these rites, I'm reminded of the story of the Lord and the apostles in the boat on the Sea of Galilee. The wind arose and the waves were breaking, yet in the bible story Jesus was asleep and the disciples were terrified. And he says to the sea: "Peace, be still", and the wind dropped and there was calm." Why are you so fearful?" the Lord asked them. "Have you no faith?"

Life has times like that for all of us. Sometimes the Lord seems to be asleep when we could most do with some divine assistance in our lives. Yet often I see with

the 'oldies', in the evening of their lives, a calmness that is the by-product of a lifelong faith in God. They have expectations that they will be in 'heaven' before long; where they will see again all the loved ones of their lives, that God's promises will be fulfilled. It helps me to ponder that the joy and peace they glimpsed in this life will be theirs totally in the life that is about to dawn.

I presume many of you have seen this in your own family or friendship groups, when you've accompanied loved ones to the end of their lives. Their energy and strength is not what it used to be. The great strengths they knew, needed and used in their working lives, and in raising their families, have often made way for the aches and pains they did not know earlier, and do not particularly welcome now!

The Rite of Anointing tells us: *God of mercy, look kindly on your servant who has grown weak under the burden of the years. Fill him/ her with the strength of your Holy Spirit. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope, so that they may give us all an example of patience and joyfully witness to your saving love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

21st to 26th November

Mon 21	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
Tues 22	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11:30am	Anointing Mass, and lunch St Mary's
Wed 23	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
Thu 24	9:30am	Mass, St Gabriel's PS
Fri 25	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
Sat 26	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 Rosemary Haley and Dr Mario Croatto and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bishop Coffey, Mark Harrup, Bruce Hunter, Mary Gilmour, Yetty Glaubitz, Fred Worsley and Monsignor Bill Caffrey.

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including Robert Hazelman, Alan Douche, Pearce Morgan, Veronica Barter, Tony Tactor, Fr Frank Freeman, Jan Gilmour, Mary O'Brien, Carolyn Gleeson, Barry Felmingham, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Fergus Darmody, Louis Janssen, Rita Sweeney, Peter Heron, Mia Coulthard, Father Frank Young, Sarah Parker **and all who seek our prayers.**



BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism, Ariaiah Nicole Dick, daughter of Daniel and Kerry. Congratulations to the family, from us all.



The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 14th December at 7:00pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

RECONCILIATION 2016: Please remember in our prayers our young folk who are celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this November.

COMMUNION MINISTERS NEEDED: All who would like to take on this important ministry in our community are invited to either of two formation sessions on Friday December 2nd at 7:00pm in the church; or on Sunday, December 4th at 5:00pm (i.e. before the 6pm Mass). Our community can always do with a few new ministers, please think about offering your services to us all. These sessions are a great chance for current communion ministers to update; all welcome!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA): Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Is someone you know interested? Come and see. The RCIA programme is being held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00pm in the Parish Centre – all welcome. If you are interested in finding out more, please don't hesitate to contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308.

This year our parish is blessed to have Kelly May and Kylie Chaniotis travelling through the RCIA process. They will participate in the Rite of Acceptance at 6:00pm Mass next Saturday, November 26. All welcome!

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.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!* Thanks to all who supported the work of Catholic Missions in the recent appeal. All the support we can offer Catholic Missions is gratefully received for their important 'good works'. If you haven't helped this appeal, and would like to, please do so soon and then we will send the collection off to the CM office.

YEAR OF MERCY: This Tuesday evening we will celebrate the conclusion of the Year of Mercy at St Michael's. An evening liturgy "Jesus, Face of the Father's Mercy" will be held at 7:00pm, in the church. All are invited. Let's all gather that evening to celebrate together God's merciful goodness to us, and our gratitude for it.

GIFTING TREE: The Gifting Tree is once again in the corner of the church. Please take a tag and purchase a gift for a needy child this Christmas. Please bring all gifts to the tree by Sunday December 11th. The gifts will then be distributed by St Vincent de Paul members.

St Vinnies also has Christmas Giving Envelopes available in the Church foyer for anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation. With grateful thanks.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: The church maintenance committee met during the week. Items discussed included the next projects now that the church tower has been restored. The next two projects include a new colourbond roof on the Kay Street porch, piety stall, reconciliation room area; as well as a new roof over the front porch. Further work will be done to progress the enlargement/refurbishment of the Mary Mac Killop Room. An asbestos audit has been carried out for all our parish buildings. This has to be available to all tradesmen etc who come to work on out buildings. The Essential Services Schedule is being updated to ensure our compliance with civil and church requirements.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!: This week Mick's Kitchen celebrates its first birthday. How quickly the year has gone; how generous the people of the parish and wider community have been; and how appreciative so many have been for the quality meal offered each week.

Thanks to all who have participated in whatever way in the 'doing' of Mick's Kitchen. The hope is the work will continue for a long time. We hope to keep making improvements to the facilities Mick's Kitchen needs. And we are very grateful to the members of St Vincent de Paul who have been so generous in assisting the work of Mick's Kitchen from the very start. All friends of Mick's Kitchen are invited to join in for a cuppa and slice of birthday cake at 7:00pm next Thursday (24/11).



Mick's Kitchen: Our outreach programme is growing, with forty to sixty people receiving meals each week. We are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to help out on an 'emergency list' occasionally. If you're able to help 3:30-6:30pm or from 4:30-7:30pm, and have a current WWCC, please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060, to let us know. Thank you.

CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS:

New safety protocols for children and vulnerable adults are being introduced into parishes right across the Diocese of Sale. A Statement of Commitment and an accompanying Code of Conduct is on the front page of the Bulletin.

Following is a practical list of what are called acceptable and unacceptable behaviours to indicate what needs to be observed in daily parish life. :

Acceptable behaviours

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and parish council members are responsible for supporting the safety of children and vulnerable adults by:

- adhering to the parish Child Safe Code of Conduct and upholding the parish's Statement of Commitment to child safety at all times
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse and harm by supervising diligently
- treating everyone in the parish community with respect (modelling positive and respectful relationships and acting in a manner that sustains a safe pastoral environment)
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child have been abused or that they are worried about their safety/the safety of another child
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (for example, by never questioning an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child's self-identification)
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children and vulnerable adults with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero tolerance policy towards discrimination)
- promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of children and vulnerable adults with a disability (for example, by ensuring reasonable care is taken to cater for any additional needs being faced)
- ensure as far as practicable that an adult is not alone with a child or vulnerable adult, for example by ensuring visibility
- reporting any allegations of children or vulnerable adults abuse to the police
 - understanding and complying with all reporting obligations as they relate to mandatory reporting and reporting under the *Crimes Act 1958* (Vic.)
- reporting any child safety concerns to the parish priest or the Vicar General if the concern relates to the parish priest (or child safety officer if the parish has appointed someone to this role)

- if an allegation of child abuse is made, ensuring as quickly as possible that the child(ren) are safe.

Unacceptable behaviours

Staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and parish council members must not:

- ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse
- develop any 'special' relationships with children or vulnerable adults that could be seen as favouritism or grooming (for example, the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific children)
- exhibit behaviours with children or vulnerable adults which may be construed as unnecessary physical contact
- manage disruptive or unsafe behaviour by degrading or isolating a child or vulnerable adult; corporal punishment is never acceptable. Physical restraint should only be used as a last resort or in an emergency
- use inappropriate language or engage in adult or mature discussions in the presence of children or vulnerable adults
- express personal views or discriminate against any child or vulnerable adult because of cultures, race or sexuality
- have contact including online with a child or vulnerable adult who is/are not family or socially related unless necessary (e.g. by providing families with e-newsletters)
- use any personal communication channels/device such as a personal email account, other than to conduct parish communications
- photograph or video individually a child or vulnerable adult without the consent of the parent or guardians (excluding group photos; for example, at Sacramental celebrations)
- work with children while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC EVENTS:

The Yallourn Madrigal Singers warmly invite all to attend :-

- A Festival of Lessons and Carols at 7:00pm on 1st December in St James Anglican Church, Traralgon and at 7:00pm on 8th December in the Newborough Uniting Church. Supper is provided following the services.
- A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon of Christmas Music at 2:00pm on Sunday 11th December at the Traralgon Uniting Church. Entry by gold coin donation. Afternoon tea provided.

Latrobe Regional Hospital is sponsoring "The Magic of Christmas".

An afternoon of festive entertainment on Sunday November 27, 2-4pm in the Morwell Catholic Parish Hall in Rowell Street. \$10 entry per adult, children free. All proceeds will support LRH.

FINANCE MATTERS:

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."

Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.

Weekend October 29 & 30

First Collection: \$1253.00

P/Giving Envelopes: \$1963.00

Thank you for your generosity

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

Counters:

Nov 20 Burns Team

Nov 27 Arend Team

ROSTERS: November 26 & 27

6:00pm Mass Saturday

Lector: B O'Brien; **Commentator:** M Noone; **Eucharistic Ministers:** J Scholtes, C Livesey, R Tactor, Volunteer; **Welcomers:** S Frankland, L Kennedy; **MUSIC:** Jane; **Sacristan:** A&M Giddens.

9:30am Mass Sunday

Lectors J Dal Pra, U Imhagwe; **Commentator** H Daly; **Eucharistic Ministers** W Detering, C Payne, J Cahill, C Mesaric, Volunteers (x2); **Welcomer** C Collis; **MUSIC** Jane; **Sacristan** G Imhagwe.

6:00pm Mass Sunday

Lector: Rob Tarraran; **Commentator:** Robyn Tarraran; **Eucharistic Ministers** R & J Hayes, A Ward, Volunteer; **Welcomers:** G Edgar, J Sykes; **MUSIC:** Jane; **Sacristan:** C Fernando.

Altar Cleaning: Nov 21 L Kennedy; Nov 28 M Giddens & C Tognella

Church Cleaning: Rickwood Team
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Team 3. M Saunders, J Doherty, T Caldwell. **Touring statue of our Lady** Nov 27 Mr & Mrs O Pretto: Dec 04 A&K Watts:

Mick's Kitchen: Nov 24, Wilksch Team: Dec 01 Van Berkel Team.

Entrance Antiphon Rv 5:12, 1:6

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.*

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5 R. see v2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,

he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our Father;*

*blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Next weeks Readings	1 st Sunday of Advent Year A
First Reading:	Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading:	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel:	Matthew 24:37-44