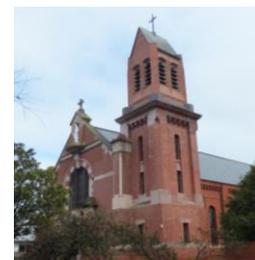


**St Michael's Parish, Traralgon**  
 in partnership with  
**St Mary's Parish, Yarram**  
 and including  
 St Columbkille's, Glengarry  
 St Gerard's Woodside



**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 Mary's Vision Statement:** The Council aims to foster and encourage all baptized Catholics to grow in their love of Jesus, their fidelity to the Catholic Church and to reach out to all members of our worldwide community.

**St Mary's Mission Statement:** To foster and co-ordinate activities that encourage all baptized Catholics to take responsibility for the life and mission of their Church.

**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.

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**Baptisms:** Four weeks notice required

**Weddings:** Six months notice required

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Susan Grout Chairperson, Fr Francis, Fr Saji, Sr Doreen, Greg Imhagwe, Rose Pearson, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Rob Tarraran, Cathy Blackford, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Chris DiCorleto.

**Our Schools:**

**St Gabriel's School** 5174 5515

Principal: Mrs Roslyn Joyner

**St Michael's School** 5174 3295

Principal: Mrs Cathy Blackford

**Lavalla Catholic College** 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

**TAKING RISKS FOR THE SAKE OF THE OTHER.**

Lent is gradually coming to a close. The Week of weeks is fast approaching. So far, I want to believe that we have done well: with the weekly Stations of the Cross; the weekly Lenten evening prayers; Lenten reflections in various groups and of course our personal Lenten observances. The schools too have been fabulous: discussed Lenten themes in the classes and at Masses, and the children taking Project Compassion very seriously. Well done everyone.

As we read our gospel story today (John 11:1-45), John tells us that Jesus is gradually coming to the end of his life and mission. Jesus is determined to go to Judea "again" because his friend Lazarus is "asleep." The disciples cannot understand **why he takes such a risk** and they say to him: "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you are going there again?" An attempt had earlier been made on Jesus' life (John 10:31). This means going to Jerusalem can mean the end of his life. The disciples ask themselves, 'Is it worth it?'

Jesus reasons differently altogether. In his philosophy, **"fear and danger cannot be the deciding factors in his life and mission."** This reminds me of Pope Francis' visit last year to Central African Republic. Prior to this visit, several security agents advised the pontiff against this visit for obvious and legitimate reasons of security. But like Jesus, for the Holy Father, "fear and danger cannot be the

deciding factors in his life and mission."

For Jesus, a friend is involved here and this makes all the difference. It is about "our friend Lazarus," and that's all it takes to risk one's life. **It's about a friend.** Remember Jesus' words: "No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13)." Jesus calls Lazarus a friend. Jesus calls you and me his friends (John 15:15). And **we are called to be friends of one another.**

On this fifth Sunday of lent, as we reflect on one of the key events that prompted Jesus' arrest and death (John 11:50), we are invited to take the risks and dare to be there for one another.

Come to think of it: In recent time, have I given anyone reason to smile because of my presence? Are there times when I have taken risks for the sake of someone's good? Would I want to be the hope of new life for someone who is in the "grave"; someone who is really down? You can begin today. I mean now.

Mother Theresa says: If you cannot feed a whole community, begin by feeding one person. Together, we can make a difference in our world.

**Fr Francis**



### 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> April to 8<sup>th</sup> April**

<b>Mon 03</b>	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word, St Michael's
<b>Tues 04</b>	11:00am	Mass, St Mary's
<b>Wed 05</b>	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	11:00am	Adoration, St Michaels
	12:00pm	Mass, St Michael's
<b>Thu 06</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	10:30am	Mass, Dalkeith Hostel
	7:00pm	Reconciliation Servic
<b>Fri 07</b>	9:30am	Mass, St Michael's
	10:30am	Mass, BupaCare
<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 Patrick Donnelly, Hennie Waanders (Holland), Leon Le Grande, Joyce Claffey and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Dino D'Angelo, Peter Cunico, Arch Graham, Daniel Fleming, Giovanni Sola, Denis O'Brien and Brian O'Mara.

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

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including John O'Brien, Barry Arbuthnot, Damian Black, Joyce Martin, Jenny Hansch, Ken Vivian, Marie Howard, Adrian Stasinowsky, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Alan Douch, Veronica Barter, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Louis Janssen, Rita Sweeney, Peter Heron, Father Frank Young, Sarah Parker **and all who seek our prayers.**



**CHANGE OF HART:** Rock musical being held in Marist Sion Auditorium, 165 Burke St, Warragul on Saturday April 8 at 7:30pm and Sunday April 9 at 2:00pm. A contemporary musical addressing current social issues, based on the Prodigal Son. Tickets \$25.00 full and \$20 concession/student. Book tickets through [trybooking.com/227993](http://trybooking.com/227993).

**LENTE EVENING PRAYERS:** On Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the church and on the Wednesdays during Lent, up to and including Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**LENTE DISCUSSION GROUPS:** will be in held in our Prayer Group Meetings being held on Wednesday mornings (9:30am) and in our Cells Group meetings (1:00pm) in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

**SYRO-MALABAR RITE (Indian community):** The Way of the Cross will be celebrated at 6:30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. All parishioners are warmly invited to join in these celebrations.

**SYRO-MALABAR MASS** will be celebrated on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm in St Michael's Church.

**RECONCILIATION:** There will be a Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by individual reconciliation. Reconciliation will also be celebrated at 9:30am on Saturday April 8.

**HOLY PLACES COLLECTION:** a reminder that at the service of our Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 3:00pm, a collection will be taken up to assist the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Lands. More on this later.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION EVENING:** Parishioners who are interested in the maintenance of our Church buildings and surrounds, are invited to attend a gathering on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Please advise interest to the Parish Office on 5174 2060 or email to [sec@smpt.org.au](mailto:sec@smpt.org.au).

**CAN YOU HELP?** A delightful lady named Mandy has contacted us to see if we are able to help. Mandy lives with her family in Melton South. She works for VicRoads in Traralgon, and is hoping that one of us might be able to offer her board and lodging, Monday nights through to Thursday nights each week. If you are able to help Mandy out, could you please let her know on 0449 570 800

**WASHING OF THE FEET:** Footwashing may not be a 'comfortable' ritual, but that is exactly why it is so significant. Not only are we called to be servants to one another, but also, like Peter, to accept that service gratefully from others.

There is no restriction on how many people may have their feet washed, nor is there a restriction on gender. Jesus came to call all to service, not just his twelve apostles. Pope Francis sets a wonderful example by washing the feet of Christian and Muslim people in a detention centre.

*Taken from the Diocese of Sale Easter Triduum 2017 'Living Liturgy'*

**BAPTISMS:** This week we welcome for Baptism Damian Alonzo Ibarra, son of Federico and Ingrid (all the way from California); and



Amelia Dianne Wisewould daughter of Ross and Kate (from Tyers). Congratulations and best wishes to the families, from us all.

The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

Please keep in your prayers Melissa Joske, Kelly Clegg, Kylie Chaniotis and Rebecca O'Connor as they continue their journeys of discovering God in their lives.

Please also keep the RCIA Team members in your prayers, as they all come to this busy time on the road to Easter.



### SUPPER FOR OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

All Parishioners are asked to put on their calendars supper in the Mary MacKillop Hall after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (April 15). Please come along, bring a plate of supper to share and get to know Kelly, Kylie, Melissa and Rebecca, who have been journeying towards Easter for quite some time now.

**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.

### CHRISM MASS

(Mass of the Oils). The Chrism Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan and the priests of our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am.



At this Mass the sacred oils (catechumens, sick and chrism) are blessed by the Bishop. The clergy of the diocese also recommit themselves to ministerial service. All parishioners are warmly invited to join their bishop, priests and deacons for this beautiful ceremony.

**Chrism Mass Choir:** Anyone who wants to come and sing in the Diocesan Choir at this Mass please email your interest to [smorley@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:smorley@sale.catholic.org.au). Music will be emailed to those interested.

**Choir rehearsal will be from 9.30-10.30 on the day (choir loft).**

## St Michael's



### Holy Week

#### Palm Sunday Masses

April 08 6:00pm St Michael's  
 April 09 9:30am St Michael's  
 10:00am St Columbkille's  
 6:00pm St Michael's

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,  
 St Michael's

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

9:15am Mass, St Michael's  
 7:00pm Tenebrae Service, St Michael's

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am Mass, St Michael's

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Holy Thursday)

9:30am Reconciliation  
 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)

10:00am Stations of the Cross  
 11:00am Walk of the Cross  
 3:00pm Service of the Lord's  
 Passion

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am RCIA Rites, followed by  
 Reconciliation  
 7:00pm Easter Vigil

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)

8:30am Mass, St Michael's  
 10:00am Mass, St Columbkille's  
 10:30am Mass, St Michael's



Semiti grew up in an informal settlement in Fiji. He is now the Director of the People's Community



Network (PCN). PCN is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in Fiji to undertake training that will empower them to work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.**

Caritas has advised that as well as supporting Project Compassion, you can donate to the Africa Emergency Appeal via their website at [www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/africa-aid-appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/africa-aid-appeal).

#### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES / ENVELOPES:

Parishioners are reminded that Easter Sunday (April 16<sup>th</sup>) is the traditional time for return of Project Compassion boxes.



*Please bring your gift for Caritas Australia in your project Compassion box/envelope on Easter Sunday or as soon as possible after that date. Thank you*



**MEN'S WEEKEND:** The menALIVE Weekend is being held on 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> May in St Mary's Parish Hall, Duke Street, Maffra.

A time for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. Organised by men in our local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. Suitable for all men over 18 years of age.

For more information contact John Cooney 5148 9220, [jandjcooney@bigpond.com](mailto:jandjcooney@bigpond.com) or Charles Bagguley 0408 032 232 (after 5.30pm on weekdays).

**FINANCE MATTERS:** *"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40*

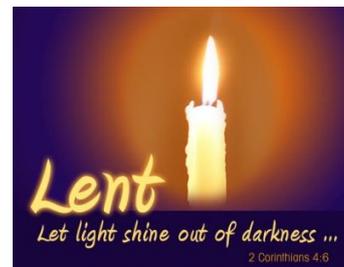
Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

#### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

#### **Counters:**

**April 02** Mitchell Team  
**April 09** Burns Team



### Rosters for April 09 ~ Palm Sunday

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
<b>Saturday 6:00pm</b>	A Taylor	S Hill	J Scholtes, C Livesey, R Tactor, Volunteer (x1)	G & D Bassett	Jane	D Buckland
<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	T Denny	C Livesey / R Symonds	W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, Volunteer (x1)	C Payne M Wilkinson	Jane	M Hanratty
<b>Sunday 6:00pm</b>	K Matters	J Panozzo-Tilé	J Fleming, S Luscombe, Volunteers (x2)	M Noone	Jane	L Theissling

#### **Easter Masses**

*You may be contacted by our roster organizers to see if you can help out with our Easter Services; please respond generously!*

- **Altar Cleaning:** April 03 A Xuereb April 10 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** April Collis Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** In recess, school holidays
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** April 2 S & A Reid April 09 S Luque

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](mailto:memou_38@bigpond.com)

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading** Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 129 R v7

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living  
in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

see Jn 11:25 26

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel**

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Next weeks readings ~ Palm Sunday

Entrance	Matthew 21:1-11
First Reading:	Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel	Matthew 26:14-17