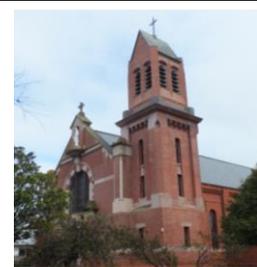


St Michael's Parish, Traralgon
in partnership with
St Mary's Parish, Yarram
and including
St Columbkille's, Glengarry
St Gerard's Woodside



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.

St Michael's Parish Information

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Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

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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

Acting Principal: Miss Jan Fitzpatrick

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272

Principal: Mr John Freeman

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

FEAST DAY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

MacKILLOP: Tuesday 8th August, 2017

Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ (15 January 1842 – 8 August 1909), now formally known as **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, was an Australian nun who has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Of Scottish descent, she was born in Melbourne, but was best known for her activities in South Australia. Together with the Reverend Julian Tenison Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites), a congregation of religious sisters that established a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor.

With the process to have MacKillop declared a saint having begun in the 1920s, she was beatified in January 1995 by Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008 and, in December 2009, approved the Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17 October 2010, during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is the first and only Australian to be recognised by the Catholic Church as a saint.

We give grateful thanks for St Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Order, and especially for the presence of Sr Doreen here in our Parish, and all Josephites (Joey's) who have laboured with love and charity in our Parish over the years.

A REFLECTION FOR VOCATIONS

AWARENESS WEEK:

Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, northwest of Lake Galilee. Peter, Andrew and Matthew were from Capernaum. In Luke's Gospel, there is an indication that Jesus had a home there, also. James, John, Philip and Nathaniel were from nearby villages.

Although we don't know much about most of the disciples, we know that when Jesus called Peter, he was a married man with a family and a fishing business with his brother Andrew. Matthew was the tax collector at a key post on the trade route from Syria to Egypt.

All of the disciples left families, homes, social obligations and business commitments when they chose to follow Jesus. Having already "emptied himself of glory," as Paul wrote to the Philippians, Jesus had also emptied himself of his home and possessions. When a lawyer came to Jesus saying, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go," Jesus knew the cost of following. "I have nowhere to put my head," he said.

WHAT are YOU willing to give up to follow Jesus?

"Let the dead bury their own dead," Jesus told another would-be-disciple. Maybe Jesus isn't calling us away from things so much as he is calling us away from deadening attitudes and life-robbing assumptions. "I'm too young, or old, or poor." Or maybe it's "women can't..., or men must..., or they always...".

When we stop long enough to listen to God, to hear his voice in our darkness, we know deep down, it is our own "death grip" that holds us back.

Let us open our hearts. Let go and let God!

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

7th to 12th August

Mon 07	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
Tues 08	9.30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11:00am	Mass, Crossley House
Wed 09	10:00am	Mass, St Mary's
	11:00am	{Exposition
	12:00pm	{Mass, St Michael's
Thurs 10	9:30am	Mass, Gabriel's PS
Fri 11	10:30am	Mass, BupaCare
Sat 12	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.

BAPTISMS: The next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday 16th August at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.**



Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 for further information.

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN: Our Parish is again running a program for children aged 4 to 15 years who wish to be baptized. The program will continue on, with meetings in the Mary MacKillop Room, at **4:30 – 5:30pm on Wednesdays August 09 and August 16**, with these special baptisms being celebrated at 6:00pm Mass on Saturday August 26th. There is a cost of \$35 involved, which pays for the baptism candle and stole. Please contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 for further details.

ROSEMARIE PROSSER: The Parish is fortunate to be able to offer two evenings with Rose Marie Prosser – a Theology Lecturer associated with Yarra Theological Union (University of Divinity). The topics she will cover are *Jesus in First Century Judaism* and *The writing of the Gospels, particularly the Gospel according to Matthew. All are welcome to attend.*

Thursdays August 10 and 17. 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

Entry by gold coin donation. Light supper will be provided. Please let Parish Office know you are coming (5174 2060).

National Vocations Awareness Week: Aug 06-13: (NVAW) provides an opportunity for all Australian dioceses, parishes, schools, religious communities, youth and all Catholics to focus at the same time on the 'call to holiness' (i.e. the Christian Vocation) that arises from our Baptism.

We are fortunate to have Mark Hughes, a first-year seminarian with us currently. Mark will go to Rome in September to study for the next four years. Mark would appreciate our prayerful support during his journey.

Sayings of

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:

"There where you are, you will find God"

"How truly wonderful are God's ways and how little we understand them".

"Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive 'crosses' and know that we also give them".

"See the protecting hand of God in all that is happening".

R.C.I.A.:

These letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of



Adults, the ancient Rite of welcoming people into the Church.

St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend our meetings on Thursdays, in St Michael's Parish Centre, 35 Kay Street, Traralgon. We start at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm sharp. Our sessions are now underway: Our second meeting will be on August 10th. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please bring them along to our meeting, contact Susan Grout for further information. All are very welcome. Contacts: Susan Grout (0412 671 308) or Parish Office (5174 2060).

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.

"CURRENT OF GRACE"

CCR Conference:

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th August

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference will be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall, Church St, Traralgon.

Fr Ken Barker, Moderator of Missionaries of God's Love Order, will lead the Conference. All are welcome. Please see brochures in the church foyers or contact Cathy McLure on 5174 3001 for more information.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Tuesday 8th August

1pm - Knights of the Southern Cross, Parish Centre

Wednesday 9th August

4.30 – 5.30pm - Baptism for School Aged Children, Mary MacKillop Room

Thursday 10th August

12.00pm – Valley Regional Pastoral Group – Churchill
5 – 6pm – Youth Mass Training, Mary MacKillop Hall
7pm – RCIA, Parish Centre
7 – 8.30pm – RoseMarie Prosser, Mary MacKillop Hall

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Lonappan Puthessery, Wally Bateson, Beryl Doward, Kay Power, Tom Clarke, Joseph Saleh, Herman Waanders, Sr Aileen Vear, Elma Caffrey, Brian McKeown and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nessie Dal Pra, Joan Birmingham, Enecia Goyano Vergas, Marevie Lago, Robyn Morris, Guilia Moretti and John de Martin..

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

including, Wilhelmina Nijenhuis, Michelle Kay, Maria Alessandrini, Rita Sweeney, Vincent O'Neill, John Besselink, Damian Black, Joyce Martin, Jenny Hansch, Ken Vivian, Marie Howard, Pat O'Mara, Robert Hazelman, Alan Douch, Veronica Barter, Fr Frank Freeman, Carolyn Gleeson, Gary Donchi, Anna Lapuh, Peter Heron, Father Frank Young, Sarah Parker **and all who seek our prayers.**



YOUTH MASS: Planning is underway for a Youth Mass to be celebrated on *Sunday 27th August at 9:30am.*



All young people are warmly invited to participate in this special Mass which will feature youth in many ministry roles. It was great to have so many youngsters turning up for training on Thursday evening.

Further training sessions for readers, musicians, offertory procession, prayer of the faithful, reading, collectors will be held at **5:00pm on Thursdays August 10 & 24.**

Please contact Jen Hanratty on 0437 492 349 or the Parish Office on 5147 2060 if you or any of your young people are interested to learn more.

SMY@L – St. Michael's Parish Youth Group
St. Michael's Youth group is for all young people from **Year 5, 6 & lower secondary levels (from any school).** SMY@L meet in the Mary MacKillop Hall a few times each school term, and run a variety of activities in a safe, friendly environment with leaders from our Parish Community who all have current Working With children Checks. We meet on a Friday night.

Participants are signed in and out at the end of each session. Our leaders all have experience in working with young people.

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

JUMP'N'CLIMB PHAT FRIDAY

Two awesome hours of jumping fun at Jump'n'Climb, 62 Eastern Road, Traralgon (meet at venue in the foyer). Bring water bottle and jump sox (if you have them). Youth Group sign in still applies.

5pm-7pm Cost \$20. SMS Lou to RSVP by August 10 on 0414 540 296.

WORKING BEE: at the Prebsbytery at 56 Loch Park Road on Monday August 7th at 8:30am.

Please contact Peter Mitchell on 0410 191 966 for further details.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

Parish Council met on Wednesday, matters discussed include:

- Parish Council considered variations to the Mary MacKillop room refurbishments.
- 4 new members will join the Parish Council and will start next month.
- Considered a Parish Mass and Dinner to celebrate all volunteers in our Parish.
- School reports were received.
- Micks Kitchen still growing with enthusiastic support greatly appreciated. Feeding approx. 70 each week.
- Next Meeting Sept 6th.

CATHOLICCARE APPEAL: Next weekend (August 12 and 13) our Parish will hold the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programmes, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. We will have a leaving collection at all masses next weekend, and there are envelopes on the entrance tables if you wish to donate by credit card. Your generosity will be most gratefully received.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH ADULTS PROGRAMME:

'Seasons for Growth' is an innovative education program which explores the effects of change, loss and grief.

Training for facilitators for Seasons for Growth will take place on August 24 & 25, 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Cost \$550.00 per person (includes companion manual, journal and seminar workbook). Further details please contact Bev at the Parish Office on 5174 2060.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: Two of our seminarians, Avinash George and Hiep van Nguyen, will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Sale on **Saturday 2nd September at 11.00 am** at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

If parishioners are wishing to attend this marvellous occasion, could you please let Bev know at the Parish Office to assist with catering.

If you are interested in joining the choir/musicians for this wonderful occasion, please contact Mrs Sophy Morley, Diocesan Director of Music, as soon as possible.

Email - smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Phone: 03 5622 6677 M 0413 590 007

Singers/Musicians will receive a music pack and details of rehearsal times and venues around the diocese.

FINANCE MATTERS: *"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."* - MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

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

Counters: August 06 Armstrong Team
August 13 Morris Team



Rosters for August 13 ~ 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

- **Altar Cleaning:** August 13 R Xuereb August 20 L Kennedy
- **Church Cleaning:** August St Gabriel's Team
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Shane and Amanda
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** August 13 Errol & Eileen Brand August 20 Steve & Catherine Kanara
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
- **Mick's Kitchen:** August 10 Townsend Team August 17 Van Berkel Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf Mt 17:5

*In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved
Son,
With whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.*

First Reading I Dn 7:9-10 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1-2 5-6 9 Rv 1-9

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:

Listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Next week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: I Kings 19:9 11-13

Second Reading: 2 Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33