

**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**

**Fr Francis Ootob** Parish Priest

**Fr Saji John** Assistant Priest

Parish Centre 5174 2060

Priests' Residence: 5174 6765

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Office hours –

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

**Sacraments Admin:** Mrs Jenifer Hanratty

After office hours - in case of emergency, please call 5174 2060 and leave your details on the message service.

**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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

*by Mary Coloe PBVM*

Caesarea Philippi is in the far north of Israel at the base of Israel's highest mountain, Mt Hermon. In this remote setting, away from the more populous villages Jesus asks the critical question of his disciples – Who do you say I am? These disciples have been with him now for some time, witnessing his deeds and hearing his words. The question probes their perception and their faith. Have they grasped Jesus' identity? Simon Peter's reply indicates his growing awareness that Jesus is the long awaited Messiah of Israel, the anointed one of God who will be Israel's savior. His answer elicits from Jesus words of commendation.

Jesus then gives Simon the title 'Peter', from the Greek word 'rock' – *petros*. Like a faithful steward with the house keys, Peter is given authority within the community.

It is important to be aware of the time when Matthew's Gospel was written – sometime around 80 – 85CE – that is fifty years after the death of Jesus. It is obvious from all the Gospels that Peter had a significant role among the group of disciples. In the Synoptics he is the first called with his brother Andrew, and is always listed first when disciples' names are listed. (In John, it is Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, who is called first and then Andrew tells Peter about Jesus.) In the letters of Paul and the Acts of the Apostles Peter continues to have a leadership role in the early Church, even though James is

considered to have led the Church in Jerusalem. According to the Acts of the Apostles, it was Peter who first realised that the Spirit was being given to non-Jews and so the Christian community should not restrict membership to only Jews (Acts 10). Matthew, writing after the death of Peter, affirms his leadership. I mention these considerations because this scene as presented in Matthew is quite different to the way it is narrated in Matthew and Luke.

While all the Gospels record this scene, which is a good indicator of its historicity, only Matthew expands it to emphasise Peter's leadership role and so this is most likely an addition by Matthew, needed for his particular community.

Here, in Caesarea Philippi, after some time in Galilee, Jesus faces his disciples, and all disciples with the key question – 'Who do you say that I am?'. It is not enough to answer the question in terms of what others say about Jesus, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah or one of the Prophets.' What really matters for discipleship is who Jesus is for each one personally. 'Who do YOU say I am?' This also raises the question of how we get to know anyone? What is needed to be able to answer this question about anyone – a friend, a spouse, a parent, a child?

**What answer would you give to Jesus' question? Who is Jesus to you?**

### 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

#### **28<sup>th</sup> Aug to 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

<b>Mon 28</b>	9:30am	Community Liturgy of the Word St Michael's
<b>Tues 29</b>	9.30am	Mass, St Michael's
	11:00am	Mass, St Mary's
<b>Wed 30</b>	10.00am	Mass, St Mary's
	11.00am	(Exposition)
	12.00pm	(Mass, St Michael's)
<b>Thur 31</b>	9.30am	Mass, St Gabriel's
<b>Fri 1</b>	9:30am	St Michael's, Mass
<b>Sat 2</b>	9.30am	Mass Cancelled due to the Diaconate in Sale

**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 Eileen Coleman, Peter Duyndam, Tom Drenen (brother of Bob Drenen), Mary Wycisk, Mary Lasaga, Colin Ison, Ronald Fry and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Lucy Lewandowski, Kathleen Hodgson, Roger King, Vena Brady, Bishop Patrick Lyons, Maria Calabrese, Noreen Martin, Garry and Marie VanDerVelden, Aileen Dixon, Michael Ruane, Petrus Kamsma, Kathleen Heal. ***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, 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.***



### **WORKING BEE**

Tuesday 29 August at the Priests Residence.  
56 Loch Park Road  
Starting 8.30 am. Garden work only - pruning low trees, bushes and shrubs.



**BAPTISMS:** This week we welcome for Baptism, Lewis Anthony Burns, son of Simon and Ashlee. Congratulations from all of us.



Special baptisms for school aged children will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm Mass. A big Congratulations to Chloe- Maree Verdaas, Wyatt Cole Verdaas and Patrick Jacob Guthrie Aitken.

**ALTERED OFFICE HOURS:** for the next week (Aug 28 to Sept 01), the Parish Office hours will be:

<b>Mon Aug 28</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tue Aug 29</b>	<b>9:30am to 2pm</b>
<b>Wed Aug 30</b>	<b>9.30am to 2pm</b>
<b>Thu Aug 31</b>	<b>9:30am to 2pm</b>
<b>Fri Sept 01</b>	<b>9:30am to 2pm.</b>

With huge thanks to Jenifer Hanratty and Cath Hill who will man the phones and keep things going in Bev's absence.

### **PARISH PASTORAL VISITORS:**

A reminder to Parishioners that if you wish a visit from anyone from the Parish whilst you are in a local hospital, you must have indicated this at the time of Admission to the Hospital.

People who are at home and in need of a visit from the Parish need to let the Parish Office know on 5174 2060. Contact needs to be made by a family member. More information about this in coming Bulletins.

**AFTER HOURS CONTACT:** Anyone in urgent need of a Priest outside of office hours needs to call the Parish Office number. The call will be diverted to a message bank. Please leave your name, contact number and a brief message.

**MAINTENANCE MEETING** Please note that the Maintenance meeting has been re-scheduled for Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

### **A BLESSED WEEKEND.....**

Around 100 people gathered in Mary Mackillop Hall last weekend for the Sale Diocese Charismatic Renewal Conference. The inspiring teachings of Fr Ken Barker, the wonderful worship by the Music Team and the prayerful, refreshing times of the Masses, Adoration and Reconciliation and Healing Prayer led by Fr Ken and Fr Francis made the weekend a very joyful experience for all. Thank you to all those who helped out and attended to make it such a great weekend.

**R.C.I.A.:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to contact Susan Grout on 0412 671 308 for further information.



### **NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ST MICHAELS**

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL – Letter from Fr Francis.**

Following the departure of Cathy Blackford there has been a process to select a new Principal for St Michael's school. This process concluded this week with the conducting of interviews. I am delighted to be able to announce to you that I have accepted the panel's recommendation and appointed Mrs Jodie Ware as the new principal of St Michael's School. Jodie will commence her appointment from the start of the 2018 school year.

Jodie may be known to many of you as she is currently Principal of St Mary's, Yarram and is a member of St Michael's Parish. I am delighted with Jodie's appointment and am confident that she and the school staff will enjoy your support as they continue the work of ensuring that St Michael's is a place of faith, learning and personal growth for your children.

### **FATHERS' DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:**

This Fund supports the priests of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting eight priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be about \$180,000.

Envelopes are available in the Church for the Special Collection to be taken up next weekend to assist the work of the Priests' Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please print your name and address *clearly* on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.

### **THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
**5.30pm** – Liturgy Team Meeting

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**5pm** – Youth Mass Team Meeting in the Parish Centre  
**7pm** – Maintenance Meeting in the Parish Centre  
**7.30pm** – RCIA Meeting

**YOUTH MASS**

This Sunday 9.30am we celebrate a Youth Mass at St Michael's. Over 30 children have been involved in learning the various ministries that take part in the Mass, whilst having a lot of fun. Please support and pray for our Youth and be patient with them this weekend. We plan to have a Youth Mass monthly so please contact Jen Hanratty on 0437 492 349 or the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you know of any young people that are interested in learning more.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. PLEASE NOTE: The usual 9.30am Mass at St Michael's will be cancelled on this day as we all make our way to the Diaconate in Sale.*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for some new volunteers from our Parish to go on the Reading/Commentating roster. We love seeing new people being involved in our Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 Sept 2017**

This week on the Journey, the Gospel of Mathew is read to us by Nick Weir. We hear from Sr Hilda with her Wisdom from the Abbey on Gods Choice, The inspirational Sam Clear encourages us to ask the question, How Far To The Shops in his Walking the Walk segment, and Fr Dave Callaghan reminds us of The Words In Our Lives. Our carefully selected music helps to create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 103.9 FM Sunday 10am or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



**CAKE SHOW FUNDRAISER** A Fundraising Afternoon Tea and Cake Show is raising money for the Blessed Virgin Orphanage in Sri Lanka. On Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 4pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. You will be provided an afternoon of games, raffles, cake auctions and pampering. Tickets are \$15 each when you book in advance or \$20 on the day. Please contact Inoka for more details on 0451068200 or Jen at the Parish office on 51742060.

**FINANCE MATTERS:**

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35*  
St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

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

**Counters:** August 27 Burns Team  
September 3 Arend Team

**POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE" ANNOUNCED**

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to [www.aec.gov.au/enrol/](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/) before the cut-off date of Thursday, 24 August. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

**YOUTH MASS MORNING TEA**

All parishioners are invited to join our Youth for Morning tea in the Hall after 9.30am Mass. We hope to see you there.

**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 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**OPERATION SHOE BOX & FOOTY PIE NIGHT**  
*Dress up in footy colours (prizes for best dresses), and have some fun as we sort & pack the shoeboxes & have pies/snacks for supper! A great night to come and help those in need!*

At St Michael's Mackillop Hall. 6.30–8.30pm. Parent/family help required from 7.45pm please. Cost: Items/Donations/money/ for the showboxes.

Phone Lou on 51750877 for info.

**MESSAGE FROM SR DOREEN** A huge thanks for all the loving care and support she has received. The operation was successful and she is now in the process of making a good recovery.

Rosters for September 3 ~ 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time						
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm	B O'Brien	S Grout	B Power, C DiCorleto, D Buckland, T Wisby	A O'Hara R Tactor		A Symonds
Sunday 9:30am	R Diaz C McLure	M Tainsh	J & W Waanders, J Cahill, K Jones, E Ryan, J Hanratty	T & L Biancon	Filipino Choir	P & L Van der Velden
Sunday 6:00pm	C Roga		R Tarraran, J Reid. D Locke, Volunteers x1	A Ward	Diamente Family	B Kennedy
• <b>Altar Cleaning:</b>		September 3	M Tainsh	September 10	M Giddens	
• <b>Church Cleaning:</b>		September	McLaughlin Team			
• <b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>			Carolyn and Grace			
• <b>Touring Statue of Our Lady:</b>		September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	B Wilksch	September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hollie	
		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: <a href="mailto:memou_38@bigpond.com">memou_38@bigpond.com</a>				
• <b>Mick's Kitchen:</b>		August 31	May Team	September 7	Scholtes Team	

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the  
day long.

**First Reading** Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3 6 8 Rv8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 16:18

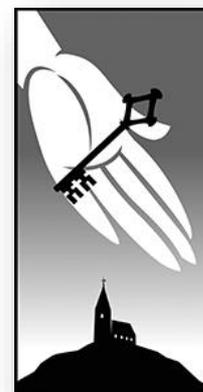
*Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my  
Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the  
kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



Next week's Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27